



# BRIDGE OF DON ACADEMY

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**Head Teacher: Daphne McWilliam**



30 April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

## Head Teacher's Update – 30 April 2021

I write to update you as follows:

- Key Dates
- Completion of National Qualification Courses
- School Leaving Date
- Sharing of Provisional Results
- SQA Results
- Start of new course – new timetable
- S1 and S2 Reports
- Pathway Planning

### Key Dates

Monday 3 May: May Day Holiday  
Tuesday 4 May: In-service Day  
Friday 28 May: In-service Day  
Friday 4 June: In-Service Day  
Friday 25 June: End of Term

### The Alternative Certification Model

#### Completion of National Qualification Courses

As you know we are in the process of collecting demonstrated attainment for each senior phase pupil. Most key pieces of evidence will be collected by 27 May but, that said, we do have some assessments running after that date.

Where young people have completed all assessments prior to 27 May they may be advised that they do not need to attend school, but they must remain available as we may be in touch as we check through each candidate's assessment evidence. This applies to all Senior Phase Pupils (S4 – S6).

#### School Leaving Date

The statutory school leaving date is 31 May each year. As indicated above, if a young person has completed all of their assessments before 31 May they do not need to attend school if they are leaving.

### **Sharing of provisional results**

Following moderation of each candidate's demonstrated attainment (key pieces of assessment and supplementary evidence), we will issue a letter to each senior phase pupil detailing their provisional results. This will be issued in mid-June.

### **SQA Results**

The SQA will issue final results on 10 August. This is when candidates will receive their SQA certificate.

### **Start of new courses for 2021-2022 – change of timetable**

The week beginning 31 May 2021 will be a virtual induction week for current S4 and S5 pupils who are returning to school and information on this will come nearer the time.

The new timetable will start on Monday 7 June. We look forward to starting new courses with our young people at this point.

### **S1 Reports**

Interim Reports will contain information about the Curriculum for Excellence levels as well as effort, behaviour and homework. We have asked teachers to focus on these regarding this term so this should give a good indication of how young people have settled into school since our return after the Easter holidays. These will be completed by teachers ready for issue in early June.

### **S2 Reports**

Young people currently in S2 will receive a "settling in" report written by their new S3 teachers following the change of timetable as detailed above. Therefore, it will reflect their effort, behaviour and homework in their new courses. Where possible it will also contain a Curriculum for Excellence Level. This will be issued by the end of term.

### **Pathway Planning**

#### **Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) Opportunities**

The following were posted in Year Group Google Classrooms.

- Apprentice Mechanical Fitters
- Global WEX – Virtual Engineering Work Experience
- KPMG Apprenticeship programme
- IBM Insight Evening
- Insight into Property and Construction
- Scotrail Apprenticeship

Young people also have access to My World of Work to find out more information about careers and pathways available to them.

Further DYW opportunities can be found using the following link - <https://bridgeofdon.aberdeen.sch.uk/wp/archives/7988>

## Contact with School

When emailing please provide your child's name and registration class and a note of the nature of the concern so it can be forwarded appropriately.

### Pastoral Care

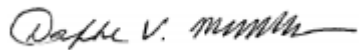
Crathes House	Mrs Napier
Drum House	Miss Smith
Fyvie House	Mrs Marshall

### Year Heads

S1 and S2	Mr Haggarty
S3 and S4	Mrs Cruickshank
S5 and S6	Mr Jamieson

I hope that you all continue to be well and, as always, please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs D McWilliam  
Head Teacher