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Dear Parent/Carer

Head Teacher's Update – 7 May 2021

I write to update you as follows:

- Alternative Certification Model – Timing of Assessments
- Summer of Play
- EU Citizens who arrived in Scotland before 31 December 2021
- Pathway Planning

Alternative Certification Model: Timing of Assessments

As you are aware young people in S4 – S6 are currently undertaking assessments to provide evidence for teachers to submit provisional grades to the SQA for their National Certificate courses.

Because the assessments have to be broken down into smaller parts there are many to schedule and this could potentially mean some young people have more than three assessments in a day. We have made arrangements to ensure that young people are not being overburdened by this.

Each week in PSE the young people are reviewing the assessments they have for the coming week and, if there are more than three in a day, discussing the option of moving one or more to an alternative date. Some will decide to do this, and some will decide not to. We have to listen to young people and what they want. However, if a young person decides to go ahead with more than three assessments in a day their Year Head will also speak to them to ensure that this is a sensible decision for them

We hope by following this procedure that young people will feel empowered to make the decisions that suit them best under what are already challenging circumstances.

Summer of Play

Aberdeen City Council plans to offer a summer programme for children and young people most negatively impacted by the pandemic. The programme will be designed to support and improve the wellbeing of children and young people by providing opportunities to socialise, meet up and play with other children and

young people during the summer holiday. We have been asked to support the local authority in gathering the views of young people and parents/carers/.

The survey for completion by parents/carers and young people can be accessed by following the link below.

The survey has also been posted in the Year Group Google classrooms of all young people so they can complete it too – please encourage your child(ren) to complete it. They can also complete it using the link below.

For all the deadline is Thursday 13 May 2021.

<https://forms.gle/nUfxwUpAnvXPoo7n9>

EU Citizens who arrived in Scotland before 31 December 2021

If you are staying in the UK after the 30 June, you must apply for Settled or Pre-Settled Status:

- To remain legally in the UK.
- To be able to rent a property and access benefits in the UK
- To secure employment in the UK
- To access education and health services in the UK

Please note:

- Children who are not UK citizens must be registered as well, even if they were born in the UK.
- You do not need a National Insurance number to complete your application.
- After 30th June 2021, you may be required to prove that you have at least submitted your application.

You can use this link to apply.

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/applying-for-settled-status>

Pathway Planning

Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) Opportunities

The following were posted in Year Group Google Classrooms.

- NHS Virtual Work Experience
- Robertson Construction – Virtual Workshops
- Energy Industry – Meet the Experts
- DYW Live

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/7994>

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

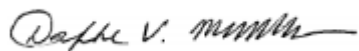
Crathes House	Mrs Napier
Drum House	Miss Smith
Fyvie House	Mrs Marshall

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