



BRIDGE OF DON ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your family are well.

SQA Exam Timetable 2020/2021

Following the cancellation of National 5 exams, SQA have now published the Exam Timetable for 2020/2021, available to view at: https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/exam-timetable-2021.pdf

The diet will run from Monday 10 May to Friday 4 June 2021 with Results Day on Tuesday 10 August 2021.

National 5 Estimate Evidence

The SQA continue to release guidance for teachers on gathering evidence and producing estimates for all National 5 courses. We expect guidance to be made available for all National 5 courses by 19 November.

Your Coursework

Pupils who have coursework for SQA courses will soon be issued with a copy of the SQA's *Your Coursework* booklet, available online here: https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/Your-coursework-2020-21.pdf

This will be discussed with pupils in school. Pupils *must* understand and abide by the strict code relating to coursework, and are required to sign a declaration when completing work for submission to the SQA.

COVID-19 - Strategic Framework

The Scottish Government has set out a Strategic Framework based on 5 levels of protection.

The protective measures set out in this guidance represent the 'core' or standard protective procedures which should be in place in all schools across all five protection levels. The new school guidance works within this framework. Schools who are in an area subject to Level 3 or 4 restrictions should, in addition to the standard protective measures in the guidance, implement the enhanced measures with a view to ensuring that schools can remain open safely. Aberdeen is in Protection Level 2, which means we will follow the standard protective measures:

- Strict 2 metre social distancing between staff, and between staff and pupils.
- All staff and pupils wear face coverings in indoor communal areas (corridors, canteen etc) and on school transport.
- No visitors are allowed entry to the school.

- If, by prior arrangement with the school, a young person is being collected outside the main entrance, the parent/carer must wear a face covering and maintain a 2 metre distance from any other young person or adult.
- Meetings with parents are held online or by phone.
- Minimising interaction between S1-S3 and S4-S6 through staggered start and finish times and separate break and lunchtime.
- Year groups accessing the building at the beginning of the day, interval and lunchtime through designated doors, supervised by staff.
- Minimising movement with the removal of registration.
- Strict cleaning arrangements throughout the school.
- Strict hand hygiene with the use of sanitiser on entry to the school building and to each class.
- Desks cleaned with COVID solution at the beginning and end of each lesson.
- Strict ventilation arrangements with windows and doors open in all rooms.*

* As mentioned last week, with the colder weather arriving and windows open in classrooms to allow a good flow of air, pupils should come to school appropriately dressed with layers which can be added and removed as required.

Physical Education

We are currently looking at the guidelines and assessing the risk of having some indoor activity for pupils in the PE Games Hall. More information will be issued in a later update.

Christmas Card Competition

Each year we ask our pupils from all year groups to submit designs for the Bridge of Don Academy Christmas Card. The brief is to design the front cover of the school's Christmas card which will be sent to all secondary schools in Aberdeen, our associated primary schools, local councillors and officials as well as our business partners. The design should meet the following criteria:

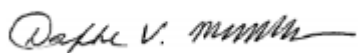
- Must have a Christmas theme
- Must encourage caring and kindness
- Must be in colour – crayon, felt pen, or photographs are all acceptable.
- Maximum A4 size – it will be reduced to A5 for the final product. Paper or electronic entries are acceptable and can be handed into School Office or emailed directly to Mrs McWilliam.

Entry deadline is 2.55pm on Thursday 19 November 2020.

1st Prize - £20 WH Smith Voucher; 2nd Prize - £15 WH Smith Voucher; 3rd Prize - £10 WH Smith Voucher.

Pupil entries only please!

Yours sincerely



Mrs D McWilliam
Head Teacher