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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following Tracey Logan's (SBC Chief Executive) communication on Friday about the re-opening of schools on or around 11<sup>th</sup> June, I can now confirm that staff will soon be able to work from Selkirk High School following Health and Safety assessments next week.

We will continue planning for the return of students from 11<sup>th</sup> August and organising learning spaces in the school. Our first consideration is of course the safety of students and staff and we will be following government and SBC advice at all times.

From August, students will experience Blended Learning- a combination of Homelearning and Face-to-Face learning in school. We are currently engaged in wide-ranging research and discussions about how Blended Learning can be most effectively delivered at Selkirk High School. We know that Blended Learning can be extremely effective and empowering for students- and it requires a different approach to both classroom teaching and Homelearning. The staff at SHS are absolutely determined to ensure all the young people in our charge and care have the very best experience possible. I look forward to sharing our Blended Learning Principles and Plans as they develop over the coming weeks.

In the meantime, please find an update on arrangements for the final weeks of this term.

With best wishes to you all,

Jamie Bryson

### S4/5/6 Leavers

We look forward to inviting S4/5/6 Leavers individually to the school in the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> **June**.

There are some formal things we need to do – listed below- but the main thing is that we need to see you before you go! We need to thank you for all your amazing contributions and inspiring progress over your time at SHS! We need to wish you luck! We would also like you to have a modest memento from your school.

- All Leavers will be given a time slot when they can come into school
- This will be to return your iPad (fully charged, including charger and cable), text books, library books.
- You should remove any documents from Glow and from your iPad.
- Uniform Recycling: please also bring any uniform eg ties you'd like to offer for our 'Uniform Recycling' Project.



## **BGE S1 and S2 Moving Up!**

- S1 move to S2 from 8<sup>th</sup> June.

-Current homelearning for the remainder of term will continue.

-Assembly: we look forward to reflecting on your successes this year and discussing with you the opportunities, privileges and responsibilities of S2 over the coming weeks and as we prepare for the arrival of our new S1.

- S2 move to new S3 classes from week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June.

-This week will focus on organising your Teams and contacting teachers and getting ready for the Academic year 2020-21- so check your glow email for instructions! As ever, contact your Pastoral teacher if you are unsure about anything.

-Some subjects are oversubscribed and re-coursing for oversubscribed subjects may have to take place, depending on possibilities within the Blended Learning approach from August. We'll be in touch if you are affected by this. We have criteria on which we base re-coursing decisions which include: assessing the relevance of the subject to your learner journey and your future plans; evaluating the balance of your choices to ensure all curricular areas are represented as far as possible; considering the relevance of alternatives available; considering your prior attainment in the subject and assessing your progress; evaluating the contribution of the subject to your Health and Wellbeing.

-Assembly: as you enter the final year of the Junior School, we look forward to celebrating your achievements so far and discussing with you the opportunities and responsibilities that lie ahead.

## **New S4 and S5**

-Well done on making such a positive start to your new courses! Your positivity and resilience under difficult circumstances is inspiring and a priceless example to your younger peers.

-Assembly: we expect the SQA to give clarification about expectations for assessments this year which will reflect the different circumstances you are facing. We look forward to discussing this with you. We also look forward to discussing with you the privileges, opportunities and responsibilities ahead and reflecting on your successes this year.

## **New S6**

In some ways, S6 are like an extension of the staff team. Your example is so important to the ethos and success of the school and we can't wait to start working with you. We'll be in touch in the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> June to discuss really important aspects of your final year as well as celebrate your efforts and achievements this year.

-Leadership: Prefects and Head Team

-Your Committees and your ideas for S6

-Your Timetables

