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Dear Parent/Carer

OCTOBER HOLIDAYS

The school will close today (Friday 9 October) at 2.50pm and reopen for our young people on Wednesday 21 October 2020. It has been a challenging term with lots of change. I would like to thank our staff for their hard work, our pupils for way they have adapted to the new rules and routines and yourselves for your continued support. We have had a settled and positive first term back at school.

SQA Exams 2021

You will have no doubt heard the announcement this week that the SQA exams for National 5 will not be going ahead in May. Instead, they will be replaced by teacher estimates. Teacher estimates will be based on key assessments that will be checked and approved by SQA. This means that grades will be based on continuous assessment throughout the year. Many of these assessments will be formal, exam-style assessments like prelims so studying and ongoing revision will still be an important part of your child's work this year if they are studying for National 5s. We will share more information with you as we get it.

Higher and Advanced Higher exams are still going ahead but will be delayed. They will now begin on 13 May until 4 June 2021. The plans for the SQA exam diet of Highers and Advanced Highers will be reviewed by the Scottish Government in February based on scientific evidence at that time.

If you have time off during the October break, I hope you have a relaxing holiday (despite not being able to go anywhere or do anything!). Take care everyone.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Byrne'.

Mary Byrne
Head Teacher