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Dear Parent/Carer

Summer Term Plans

As per the most recent government announcements, we are planning for a full return for all pupils after the Easter holidays. These plans are subject to change and will be reviewed next week taking account of the latest scientific data and the continued suppression of the virus. The Deputy First Minister has intimated that there will be a further announcement on 6th April and we will be able to confirm our plans in full following that announcement.

On-line Easter Revision classes

A number of subjects are offering on-line additional study sessions for senior phase pupils during the Easter Holidays. A timetable of the sessions and subjects on offer is included with this update. Individual teachers will be letting pupils know when the sessions are and these are entirely voluntary. Pupils do not need to attend if they don't want to and we recognise that pupils do need a break and time to recharge before the term ahead. If they do wish to attend, details will be posted on the class teams or they can email the class teacher on their Glow email account.

SQA Formal Assessments

Information on the formal assessment arrangements and our assessment calendar for next term will be communicated separately by Mrs McGlade (DHT and SQA co-ordinator). This has been logistically challenging to arrange and the approach we have taken is to maximise time for consolidation of learning whilst being mindful of the assessment burden on our pupils' wellbeing. We will also hold a parent information session immediately after the holidays.

Additional Assessment Days – School Closure

Scottish Government have confirmed two additional assessment days to support staff who are undertaking moderation activities for the senior phase SQA formal assessments. The dates for Midlothian have been agreed and the school will be **closed to all pupils** on the following dates

- Monday 24th May - in-service day
- Tuesday 25th May - Additional Assessment Day
- Monday 7th June - Additional Assessment Day

This has been a particularly challenging term for the Beeslack School Community and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff team for the dedication, resilience and compassion they have demonstrated throughout, but particularly in, the last two weeks. I would also like to thank the many parents, carers and former pupils who have taken the time to email or write in expressing their condolences to Dr Wilson's family and the wider school community.

School closes today at 3.20pm and will re-open, hopefully for everyone, on Tuesday 20th April 2021.

I wish you all a pleasant and restful spring break.

Best wishes

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Headteacher



At Beeslack we #strivetoBe successful, curious, responsible, resilient and respectful to allow us all to flourish, grow and achieve.

