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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Timetable Update

We are working hard to have our new timetable ready for the last week of term. This is obviously dependant on no further disruption to senior phase assessments or pupils/staff having to self-isolate. At present, the plan is to issue pupils with their timetable for academic session 2021-22 on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> June during period 7. Friday will be used to iron out any potential difficulties and run the new timetable for the remainder of the school session.

We have induction days planned for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> June for current S4 and S5 pupils and these will take place in House groups as follows:

Monday: Livingstone  
Tuesday: Hoy  
Wednesday: Stevenson

A variety of activities will take place including:

- Expectations for the year ahead
- Applying to University/College and employment
- Volunteering
- Teambuilding
- Mentor training for all S4 pupils

More information has be shared directly with pupils on the year group PSE Team.

### Euro 2021 Championships

I am sure it will come as no surprise to you that some of our young people have been asking about whether they will be able to view the Scotland v. Czech Republic Euro 2021 football match **in school** on Monday at 2pm. While we recognise that Scotland's participation in this tournament is a significant event, there are several mitigating factors that will unfortunately prevent us from being able to grant this request. Principally, we are still in the process of mopping up various formal assessments and so we cannot risk disturbing those who are undertaking these assessments in various pockets of the school. Furthermore, as a school, we are first and foremost a place of learning and while we relish opportunities to make links to current world events, we also recognise that many pupils may have no desire to watch the game and may not welcome any disruption to teaching and learning to watch something they have no interest in. Unfortunately, Covid-19 restrictions prevent us from organising a gathering to view the game on an opt-in basis.

We are also cognisant of the potential that singling out this one match opens the floodgates to requests from pupils to watch subsequent matches, which will become unmanageable and could, leave us open to accusations of being parochial if we were only to support the viewing of matches involving Scotland. As a school we are very proud of our culturally diverse school community and had we been in a less frenetic period of time that has been dominated by Covid-19 restrictions, pupils having to self-isolate and Senior assessments, it would have been lovely to have undertaken some interdisciplinary learning around the topic of the Euros, but sadly this has not been possible.

We hope you understand the rationale for our decision; we hate to have to disappoint any young people, especially after a challenging year, but on this occasion, we feel we have taken the only course of action we can in the circumstances.

As always, many thanks for your support.

Best wishes

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