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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we near the end of term, I thought it best to highlight some of the information we have shared with our young people around SQA exams and study leave.

On Monday, we hosted assemblies for each Senior Phase Year Group (S4/5/6). At these assemblies we issued each pupil with their SQA Transcript, which outlines all the subjects and levels pupils for which pupils are registered with SQA, as well as important details like pupils' names, addresses, dates of birth etc. We asked pupils to check these transcripts carefully and alert myself to any admin errors. Furthermore, we issued the official SQA booklet entitled 'Your Guide to SQA Exams', which covers all aspects of the examination process. Finally, we shared the arrangements for study leave, which are as follows:

- Study leave will commence w/b 2nd May (with the exception of those sitting any level in Geography or Chemistry, Higher PE or Higher Photography, which are all scheduled SQA exams w/b 25th April). Pupils are be entitled to **two days** prior to each of these exams for study leave.
- Pupils who have 3 or less exams will have reduced study leave. They will be entitled to **the two days prior to each exam as study days**. The rest of the time will be spent in school working on their National 3s and 4s and/or participating in our in school programme. Please note that for S5 and S6 pupils, there may be some exceptions to this, which can be discussed on a pupil by pupil basis.
- No pupil will be made to feel that they have to study for their exams at home; they are more than welcome to come into school should they wish, but this must be by prior arrangement to avoid a situation where they arrive in school to find that their teacher is unavailable. Pupils can e-mail their teachers directly, or contact the school, to arrange additional support should they wish. If any pupil wishes to attend school for the duration of study leave, they should tell their guidance teacher and arrangements will be made for this. In addition, a programme of 'revision masterclasses' will be also be on offer during exam leave, which will be shared with pupils and parents when we return from Easter break.

I wish you all a lovely Easter.

Yours faithfully,

Lisa McGlade (Depute Headteacher and SQA Coordinator)