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Dear Parent/Carer

At previous parent council meetings and in school, celebrating diversity has been discussed in terms of raising awareness of events that happen worldwide. We have all been somewhat caught up over the last year in all things COVID related, however, as we start to plan our calendars for next session, we will be reviewing events that we can include each term to raise awareness and support inclusion. In the past we have recognised events such as Holocaust Memorial Week, Dyslexia Awareness Week and Purple Friday.

### **World Autism Awareness Week 29<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021**

Turriff Academy are supporting Autism Awareness Week next week. Our ASL team in school have been making information available for those to view if they are in school next week. I would encourage pupils and staff to take time to have a look. In addition to this, there will be information on Social Media Posts.

The link below will take you to the Autism Toolbox which is a free online resource developed to support the inclusion of autistic learners in Scottish Early Learning and Childcare settings, Primary and Secondary schools. It is a useful interactive resource for us all to improve understanding and raise awareness.

[Home | Autism Toolbox](#)



If you wish to find out more, please contact the school office who will direct you to our ASL department.

## **Arrangements for next week**

It has been really great to see so many young people in school over the last couple of weeks. As next week is a 4 day week the arrangements are different.

### **Senior Pupils**

Senior pupils who are studying practical subjects have been advised by their teachers if they are required in school to complete any practical work that they cannot do at home. Some other subjects have asked for pupils to attend for specific work. If they are not sure, they should e-mail their teacher, if you require clarification, please contact the school office. These sessions will run from 8.45 – 1.00pm as before

Seniors who are not in school, should continue to log in to TEAMS or complete work they have been provided with when they were in school.

### **BGE Pupils**

Most BGE will return to learning at home next week. Pupils should use the time to go back on to TEAMS and review what they have been doing over the last few months, try to complete any work that may be unfinished, make contact with their teachers with any queries that they may have for hopefully coming back to school in April. They should not worry if there is a delay in their teacher getting back to them immediately as they may be in school doing face to face learning.

Some of your young people may have been invited into for an additional session or 2 next week. You will have received an e-mail about this already with the arrangements for this.

### **SQA**

A separate SQA update will be issued to parents of senior pupils next week with details of the Alternative Certification Model, Quality Assurance Processes and what the assessment period will look like for young people at Turriff Academy.

### **And finally...**

As we approach the last week of term, we are hoping that we will be able to welcome everyone back into school on 19<sup>th</sup> April. We will get a Scottish Government update on 6<sup>th</sup> April and arrangements will be communicated to you after this date for the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Stay safe and have a good weekend.

Regards



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