



Turriff Academy  
Victoria Terrace  
Turriff AB53 4EE  
Telephone 01888 530900  
Fax 01888 568966  
[turriff.aca@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:turriff.aca@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)  
[www.turriff.aberdeenshire.sch.uk](http://www.turriff.aberdeenshire.sch.uk)  
Parent Council Email address -  
[turriffacademypc@hotmail.com](mailto:turriffacademypc@hotmail.com)

Ref: LM/fm

25 November 2022

Dear Parent /Carer

### **SQA and Prelim Information**

All senior pupils attended an important assembly Monday to highlight the Expectations for SQA coursework and evidence. They also received the SQA booklet entitled "Your Qualifications 2022-23". For any pupil that was unable to attend this assembly the PowerPoint has been uploaded to their PSE Team and Guidance teachers have spare copies of the SQA booklet.

Preparations have begun for this session's Prelim Examinations which are due to take place the second and third week back after the Christmas holiday. A copy of the Prelim timetable is attached. As you will be aware the final exam diet runs over a period of six weeks and for the purpose of prelims, we have to condense this into just two weeks. Inevitably this causes issues and unfortunately pupils may find that they have a very heavy workload over this ten-day period. Please note that it is not unexpected that pupils may have more than one exam per day. Also due to the numerous permutations of subject choices we are aware that a small number of pupils will have clashes with two exams at the same time. Individual arrangements will be made regarding these once pupil timetable have been issued.

A further SQA assembly will be held Monday 19 December where candidates will receive their individual prelim timetable with details of finalised times and exam venues.

### **Parent Council Discussions**

On Monday 11 November – there were discussions around the future of Scottish Education and the feedback that is being sought by the Scottish Government on the way forward for Education. Their thoughts have been collated and they will be putting a return in based on these discussions.

It was felt that they would like to widen the response to the whole parent body and asked if I could facilitate further discussion.

If you would like to discuss with other parents, you are invited to attend a meeting on 1 December from 4pm – 5pm here in the school. Please let the school office know if you wish to attend so that I have an idea of numbers.

If you wish to put in your own individual responses please use the information in the attached, previously issued letter.

## **Sports Clubs Fun Run Results.**

Our sports teams raised almost £2500 on Friday 11th November and ran 484km which is the equivalent of running from Turriff to St.James Park in Newcastle (one way) or running to Hampden Park, Glasgow and back to Pittodrie Stadium in Aberdeen! Well done teams!

The Hockey girls covered the most distance per team member while the Football girls raised the most money per team member.

Special mentions to Erin M who ran the furthest covering 9km while Sophie B raised the most funds with an unbelievable £600 sponsorship! Both girls received £50 Amazon vouchers for their efforts.

## **Children in Need**

Thanks to all those in making our Children in Need Fundraiser such a success. Over £700 was raised and thank you all for your generous donations. Thanks to the seniors for organising the staff v pupils volleyball competitions which were watched by a large number of pupils in the assembly hall – great fun was had by all.

## **Dates for your Diary:**

7 December	Senior Parents Evening
13 December	Senior Parents Evening
14 December	Christmas Lunch – wear something festive
15 December	Swimming Gala Finals
23 December	Last Day of term 2
9 January	First Day of term 3

Regards



Ms L Menzies  
Head Teacher