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**Dear Parent/ Carer**

As the term draws to a close, I hope you have enjoyed our virtual Awards Ceremony and House Championship. Somewhat different than normal, however I would like to congratulate all pupils at Turriff Academy who have worked with us during these challenging times. For those of you who have achieved awards, certificates are in the post and you should receive them in the next couple of days.

When we went into lock down, we all started a learning journey, finding our ways through GLOW, Teams, Assignments, and various other ways of learning. It has not been easy; however, many skills and attributes have been developed and we have moved forward to become a school community that has become more resilient and solution focused. Staff, pupils, and families have learned together and as the term reaches an end all have become more confident in the use of digital solutions. I appreciate we are not there yet and we still have a number of challenges to overcome with connectivity and access to devices, however we will continue to look for solutions, in fact even today we were delivering “dongles” to families where connectivity has proved a major barrier.

We do not want to lose the skills that we have developed. As we move forward into next term, where we hope all young people will be back to school on a fulltime basis, we need to ensure that we learn from the last 3 months. Having watched the news over the last couple of days, we may be in a situation where we have to go back to either a blend of home school and in school learning or total lockdown and we want to be in the best place possible to continue to support learning. We will be reviewing our mobile phone policy and looking at ways to support our young people to access our school internet with their own devices. More information about this will be issued in August and we would hope to have this operational by the beginning of September.

I would like to thank all staff at Turriff Academy who have continued to support your young people and have shared your frustrations of poor internet connectivity and not being able to have face to face lessons using Teams. They have appreciated the engagement from pupils and the support of parents. I am pleased to say that we will be letting you know how more virtual face to face learning will be possible in the new term should we go back to pupils learning at home. We will be seeking your permission to have the cameras turned on when we return in August.

### **August 2020**

I would like to have been able to advise what the 12 August will look like for your young person, however at this time we await advice from the Scottish Government and Public Health Scotland as to the implementation of Plan A or Plan B for our return in August. We should know this by the 30 July, and you will receive an update from me on 3 August with our position. This will include an updated handbook for parents and pupils.

## **SQA – Results (please refer to complete message issued Wednesday 1 July )**

SQA results are due to be issued to senior pupils on Tuesday 4 August 2020. Pupils should remember that they should have already signed up to MYSQA to check their personal details and exam entries. However, if this has not already been accessed you still have time to sign up to receive results by e-mail or text. Please use the following link-

[https://www.mysqa.org.uk/cs8/content/secure/my\\_homepage.jsp](https://www.mysqa.org.uk/cs8/content/secure/my_homepage.jsp)

As we are not sure what restrictions will still be in place during the week of the results and it is likely that staff will be continuing to work from home please do not come into school. If you have a query with your results, please complete the form on the link below and someone will respond to your query. Please note queries will be prioritised according to SQA deadlines.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BpPZ\\_i1NCUSVndDttzBKC18CABHvbd5GmHcJTjZxx9lUQklyWjNUR0UwUFFKQTIQWkIHQ0VOVjBOVi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BpPZ_i1NCUSVndDttzBKC18CABHvbd5GmHcJTjZxx9lUQklyWjNUR0UwUFFKQTIQWkIHQ0VOVjBOVi4u)

### **200 Club Winners**

Prize-winners in the June draw are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	£106.25	M Meister, Garmond
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£ 53.12	S Davidson, Turriff
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£ 17.71	S Birnie, Cuminestown
4 <sup>th</sup>	£ 17.71	M McNaughton, Turriff
5 <sup>th</sup>	£ 17.71	M Liebnitz, Turriff

Congratulations to the winners and thank you for your continued support.

### **Dates for your diary**

#### **Term 1**

- Monday 10 August 2020 Inservice Day 1 - staff only
- Tuesday 11 August 2020 Inservice Day 2 - staff only
- Wednesday 12 August 2020 Plan A or B will be confirmed on 3 August
- Friday 9 October 2020 End of term 1
- 12 to 23 October 2020 October holiday

#### **Term 2**

- Monday 26 October 2020 Start of term 2
- Friday 20 November 2020 Inservice day – staff only
- Friday 18 December 2020 End of term 2
- 21 December 2020 to 4 January 2021 Christmas holiday

#### **Term 3**

- Tuesday 5 January 2021 Start of term 3
- Monday 15 February 2021 Midterm holiday
- Tuesday 16 February 2021 Inservice day – staff only
- Wednesday 17 February 2021 Inservice day – staff only
- Thursday 1 April 2021 End of term 3
- Friday 2 to 16 April 2021 Spring holiday

**Term 4**

- Monday 19 April 2021 Start of term 4
- Friday 30 April Occasional Holiday
- Monday 3 May 2021 May Day holiday
- Monday 25 June 2021 End of term 4
- 28 June to 13 August 2021 Summer holiday

**And finally .....**

A big thank you to you and your sons and daughters for working with us over the last few months. We all look forward to seeing you again in August.

Attached to this e-mail is a leaflet about supporting your young person for their return in August. Please remember that we are here to help and if you need additional support for your young person, please let us know using the school email address : [turriff.aca@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:turriff.aca@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

You may also wish to contact year heads or guidance staff in the new session – a reminder:

Mrs Kate Clarke	S1 and S3	Mrs Vicki Ferguson	Craigston
Ms Jane Bisset	S2 and S5	Miss Emma Marshall	Delgaty
Mr John Martin	S3 and pupils with ASN	Mrs Brenda Grant	Forglen
Ms Lee Menzies	S6	Mrs Karen Tetlow	Hatton

Take care all – stay safe and well.

**Ms Menzies**

**Head Teacher**