



## Kirkwall Grammar School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you very much for your patience and understanding over the last few weeks as we have tried to navigate our way through a fast changing landscape in terms of school closures and SQA exam preparations. We have tried to balance the welfare of pupils, staff and parents with the demands of finishing coursework and ensuring we have as much evidence as possible for the SQA.

Looking ahead, we are considering starting our new senior courses much earlier than the planned timetable change at the start of June. We are now aiming for our new senior phase courses to begin on Monday 20 April. This includes pupils from S3 into S4, S4 into S5 and S5 into S6.

Materials will be made available electronically for pupils, accessible through both the school website and directly to pupils through Glow groups, Microsoft Teams and Scholar. In these areas pupils will find materials, tasks and assessments and can communicate directly with their teachers. Staff will be adding pupils to their subject teams over the next few weeks.

This is a great opportunity which will give pupils a chance to start their new courses early and have extra time to get through their course work.

Courses at Orkney College won't be starting after the holidays and more information will follow.

S1 and S2 pupils will continue with their current course work in the meantime. I would also like to clarify that we are not expecting pupils to be doing schoolwork over the Easter holidays. We feel pupils, parents and staff need a well-earned rest after what has been a very challenging number of weeks.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Ewing  
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