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Dear Parent/Carer

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Scottish Qualifications – S4 & S5, Final Examinations

As you will be aware, the formal Scottish Qualification exam diet starts in late April. All students will soon receive an individual Examination Timetable. As is customary, some students are given a period of exam study leave throughout the majority of the exam period. This year, the Easter holidays fall quite late and therefore all S4 & 5 students will return to classes as normal week beginning Tuesday 23rd April. There are some exams later on that week so if your son/daughter has an exam that week, they are entitled to take the day off before that exam. Exam leave will then officially begin at the end of the day on Friday 26th April.

Due to changes in National Courses and Qualifications, schools are adapting exam study leave for students depending on the year group, the level of exams, whether or not there is a final exam in the subject, and how many exams students are sitting. The following will be applied once again for Forrester:

- All S5 students will get the **entire exam leave**
- In S4, students with 3 or more National 5 exams will get the **entire Exam Leave (if there is a final exam in those subjects)**
- In S4, students who have only 1 or 2 National 5 exams will get **2 days leave before each Exam**
- In S4, students who are studying at National 4 level **only** (and some at National 5 with courses that do not have external examinations) will get **NO Exam Leave**. We will have a range of options in place for students to work from as well as normal classwork

For those students who fall under the third bullet point, **when** they have an exam they need only attend school on the day(s) of examination during exam study leave. However, students are encouraged, where possible, to consult with their teachers during any of their timetabled periods. It is our aim to offer as much support and guidance as possible to our students, in order that they produce their best efforts. Your support in encouraging them to use their exam study leave wisely would be welcomed.

Full dress code must be worn by all students when sitting these exams.

Easter School will run again this year and the various classes will be publicised ahead of time on our school website and school app. Please look out for these and encourage your son/daughter to attend as much as possible so they get the very best out of their upcoming exams.



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I would also like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff at Forrester High School to wish the students who are leaving Forrester at the end of these examinations every success for the future.

New Timetable 2019-2020

Prior to starting the new timetable, all students must undertake a 45 minute induction. Present S4 students returning to S5 should report to the school hall on Friday 31st May from 10.30-11.15am.

Present S5 students returning to S6 should report to the school hall on Friday 31st May from 11.30am-12.15pm (dismissed thereafter)

It is essential that all students intending to return to school attend at the appropriate time stated above. Normal classes will then resume for all students on Monday 3rd June at 8.30am. In the meantime, Good Luck to all students in the forthcoming SQA examinations.

Yours sincerely

Martin Ennis
Depute Head Teacher