

20.11.20

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing in relation to forthcoming internal examinations which will provide you with the details you require to enable you to support your child's learning over the next few weeks.

### **Examination Schedule: Week Beginning 7 December – 11 December 2020**

- KS3 Examinations will be held over the course of 1 week.
- All pupils will sit 3 written examinations per day.
- All pupils will remain in their COVID 'Bubble' Group.
- Each Examination will be for 1 hour.
- Pupils will have 'study' sessions during the school day.
- All pupils have already been issued with a revision guide.
- Each Year Group will have a 'study day' as follows.

**Year 8: Home Study Day - Wednesday 9 December 2020**

**Year 9: Home Study Day – Thursday 10 December 2020**

**Year 10: Home Study Day - Wednesday 9 December 2020**

### **Reports and Communication Schedule**

- All parent / guardians will receive a report which will be uploaded to the Parent App on the 15 January.
- A Parent Teacher Consultation meeting will be held using a C2K communication platform. Further details will be provided when reports are issued.

### **Banding Review: Years 8 and 9**

Following an analysis of performance outcomes and results, changes to class banding groups may occur. Parents will be informed in writing if their child is changing class bands. This process may occur after the half term in February 2021. Further details will follow nearer the time.

### **GCSE Option Process: Year 10**

Analysis of year 10 performance data from the winter examinations is used to inform GCSE subject options for all pupils. It is vital therefore that Year 10 pupils plan and prepare well for these examinations ensuring revision and study skills are employed early to maximise outcomes. Further details regarding the option process will follow in Term 2.

### **Revision and Examination Skills**

In order for pupils to achieve the best outcomes possible, revision prior to examinations and examination skills need to be completed. In school, all subject teachers have provided a list of topics

for each subject area which will be examined. It is important that early, planned revision takes place at home. In school each teacher will explore revision and examination techniques.

### **Post Examination Week**

Week beginning 14 December will be a normal teaching week. Wednesday 16 December will be a 'Christmas Jumper Day' and we will be holding our Annual Christmas Dinner.

### **Hamper Appeal**

Every year pupils and parents of Sperrin College support our Annual Hamper Appeal by donating non-perishable food which are then donated to those in need with the Community, whilst I am aware that this has been a very challenging year, I would ask if you can, please donate. A List of food can be found on the school face book.

### **Term 2**

School will re-open for all pupils on Wednesday 6 January 2021.

Thank you all for your continued support

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. A. Heron". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'H' and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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