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Dear Parent/Carer

SQA Exam Period 2015

As National 3 and National 4 courses do not require a formal exam a significant number of young people will not need to have as much time for study as in previous years.

This year the SQA exam period begins on Monday 27 April and ends on Monday 1 June 2015. All S4-S6 pupils will be on study leave from 27 April until 1 May.

From Monday 5 May young people in S4 and S5 fall into distinct groups dependant on how many exams they are sitting.

- **Any young person who is sitting 3 or more National 5 or Higher exams** will require to have time off school to study. Any pupil who is in this category should stay at home to study and then return to school on Monday 1 June.
- **Any young person who has 1 or 2 exams to sit** should take the day of their exam plus four days prior to the exam as leave from school to prepare for the exam and to sit the exam. The new timetable will commence on 5 May and classes should be attended from then onwards.
- **Young people who are not sitting any formal exams** can attend school throughout the period where they can complete their current courses and begin their new subjects on 5 May.

The new timetable begins on Tuesday 5 May for all pupils in Stirling High School including current S4 and S5 pupils.

If you do not wish your child to have study leave let us know and they can attend school as normal. Pupils who are not on exam leave should attend their timetabled classes.

When the new timetable begins on Tuesday 5 May some pupils will be on exam leave but the nature of the courses at this stage will allow pupils to work at their own pace and therefore any work missed due to exams can easily be caught up with. **All young people who are returning to school next session are expected to be in school from Monday 1 June onwards as the SQA exams will be completed by then.**

The 2015 SQA Exam Period offers an opportunity for young people to prepare for exams, finish off assignments and begin their new courses. The exam period also provides an excellent opportunity for some pupils to gain work experience and this is currently being arranged.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

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