

Aberdeen Grammar School

OUR VISION

Working together

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15 June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Please find below key updates for this week.

Local Delivery Phasing Plan (LDPP)

The LDPP contains information on key factors all schools must consider and work within when planning the phased return to school in August. I encourage you to read through the plan by following this link <https://sway.office.com/Dd9pxR7RZF46vQek?ref=Link>

The phased return to school requires detailed planning. We will provide you with our School Recovery Plan by the end of this term. This plan will detail what blended learning (in-school and at-home learning) will comprise of for each year group. It will let you know the time your child will be in school and the arrangements for at home learning.

Digital Learning

Given that digital learning will continue to be the main component of 'at home' learning, we are committed to collating pupil, teacher and parent feedback for improvement. I would like to thank our Parent Council for giving up their time last week to take part in a digital learning focus group. Their feedback was greatly appreciated and will be used to help us plan our new model of blended learning. Thank you, also, to parents who have contacted us to highlight good practice or an issue relating to digital learning.

I am pleased to confirm that all parental requests for digital support, be it a device (Chromebook) or a dongle (to improve connectivity) have been met. If your child does not have a suitable device (please note that a mobile phone alone does not allow your child to engage fully in Google Classroom) or you have having connectivity issues, please contact

AberdeenGramarschool@aberdeencity.gov.uk

SQA - S4, S5 & S6 pupils

Many pupils have already registered with MySQA to receive their examination results by text or email. If they have not done so already, pupils should sign up at www.mysqa.org.uk before 5 pm on Tuesday 14 July 2020 and check that their contact details are correct. To register with MySQA, pupils require their Scottish Candidate Number (SCN) and a valid email address.

Should there be a change to their home address since school closure, pupils should contact their PTPS.

Contact details

It is particularly important at this time that we have accurate contact details for all families. If your home address, e-mail address or telephone number has changed recently, please contact AberdeenGrammarSchool@aberdeencity.gov.uk so that we can up-date our school records.

Primary/Secondary Transition

We are very pleased to welcome our new S1 pupils this week. They will be having daily contact with their PTPS and will experience a range of subject classes, all through their S1 Google Classroom. Our S1 cohort next session is 210 pupils. Overall, the school roll is almost at capacity, with almost all year groups full. The demand for places in all year groups remains high.

And finally. . .

During lockdown, S1 and S3 pupils have continued to complete JASS (Junior Award Scheme for Schools) and Duke of Edinburgh activities at home. These schemes encourage our pupils to stay physically active, develop new skills and contribute to their community during these testing times. Some S6 pupils have put together a video which showcases the wide range of physical activities pupils have been doing during lockdown. You can view the video here <https://grammar.org.uk/2020/06/12/lockdown-physical-activity/>

Please be assured that I will keep you well informed and continue to provide you with key updates.

Kindest regards

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