

Grantown Grammar School

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Mrs Claire McGonigal, Headteacher

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Dear Parents / Guardians and Pupils,

End of Term and New Session

As we approach the end of term, I would like to thank the whole school community, pupils, parents, staff and partners for an incredible year of dedication, resilience and hard work. This has been the most challenging school year that any of us have faced and Grantown Grammar has come through it stronger than ever with very good provisional SQA results and positive destinations for all of our leavers. On behalf of the senior pupils and staff, I would like to thank the pupils in S1-S3 for their patience and understanding that the focus this term had to be on the senior years. Your support was very much appreciated. I would also like to congratulate our senior pupils on their provisional SQA results. It was a long assessment process but you persevered and more than deserve your grades.

The timetable has now successfully moved on to academic year 2021/22 and pupils are settling into their new routine which includes new subject choices for the new S3 - S6. We were able to hold a successful Sports Day and also welcome our new S1 pupils with a transition week. We have also been able to celebrate the end of year with the junior disco, graduation and Senior Prom. Without the support of the whole school community, these would not have been possible. It is with great pride that I watched the school pull together, wear face masks, hand sanitise, spray desks and regularly covid test, as the year progressed. Although I feel that I am now saying 'masks on' in my sleep, the combined efforts of everyone has brought the school to the end of the year safely and able to celebrate. Thank you to everyone, Grantown Grammar really is an incredible school community.

17 August 2021

Pupils are due to return to school on 17 August 2021. At this stage, I haven't been given any details about how that will look. I am due to get an update at the start of August when, hopefully, the Covid Protection Level will have moved to Level 0. As such, I will send an email to all parents with an updated position with detailed arrangements in the week commencing 9 August. I am hopeful that I will have all the information I need to do this by then. There may be updates before the start of August, but I am going to wait until as close to the start of term as possible to try to get a definitive plan in place rather than a succession of revisions. Although I suspect that even with this approach, there may be one or two revisions! Please note that there won't be any staff available in school to answer any questions before this. I will be available by email from 9 August on claire.mcgonigal@highland.gov.uk

Lateral Flow Testing

At present, we have been advised that pupils and staff can stop doing bi-weekly lateral flow tests during the school holidays if they wish. However, I would ask that all pupils collect tests to take home in preparation for coming back to school in August.

Happy Holidays!

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very sunny, relaxed and fun summer holiday. It's been my privilege to lead the school this year, my heartfelt thanks again for your support. Happy, happy holidays!

Yours faithfully

Claire McGonigal
Headteacher