

Wallace Hall Update – 22.03.22 - COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

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Dear Parent/Carer

WHOLE SCHOOL

Despite the continued high number of positive cases in Scotland and in Dumfries & Galloway, it looks like the mitigations, including testing, will no longer be required after Easter. The details are included in the following letter to parents:

Letter from Professor Jason Leitch, Scotland's National Clinical Director

Please find below a letter to Parents/Carers from Professor Jason Leitch:

https://www.wallacehall.co.uk/files/ugd/92da19_e601f76d2e5d400d929c236905219cd3.pdf

Testing

As we are still required to carry out regular testing, can we please ask you to ensure that all test results are being registered on the Scottish Government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

However, the First Minister announced this week that schools will no longer receive deliveries of Lateral Flow Device kits after the Easter holidays. This means that these kits will no longer be distributed to secondary pupils and staff members through the school on a regular basis. However, we will have a small number of kits remaining which will be used if we have a spike of positive cases in the school.

We would appreciate it if all parents could ensure their children are following the mitigations still in place in school up to the Easter break to help protect themselves and others.

We have removed the generic advice from this email but it can now be found on our website on a separate document. You can access it by clicking on the following link:

https://www.wallacehall.co.uk/files/ugd/92da19_3aa5a59082d046b5b8ed5caf6964b575.pdf

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SQA – Study Leave FAQ

Following our webinar we have drawn up an FAQ for Study Leave. Please click on the link below to see it:

https://www.wallacehall.co.uk/files/ugd/92da19_4395adc0943c45ff8e697b333ada8c32.pdf

SQA

On Tuesday of next week during Health and Wellbeing all S4, S5 and S6 pupils will watch a presentation on the procedures for the upcoming exams. This presentation will include information around conduct during exams, study leave, estimate grades and a range of other pertinent information. The content of the presentation will also be uploaded to the school website. In addition pupils will be given an individual timetable for their exams, a "Your Exams" booklet with information from the SQA and a booklet from the school. The booklet from the school will contain details from the presentation as well as a list of study seminars on during exam leave, some hints on managing mental health and revision tips and strategies.

Senior Celebration of Success

Unfortunately, due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to hold our annual Senior Celebration of Success event. However, we will continue to celebrate the wide variety of success achieved by our young people this year. Pupils who have been nominated for an award will be issued with their certificate on the final week of term. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all students on their accomplishments, and we look forward to resuming our Celebration of Success events in the future.

If your child(ren) have any wider achievements out of school that you would like to share with us, please email the school with the details. We like to include as many as we can provided they meet the criteria, which is:

- Being placed 1st, 2nd 3rd in a regional or national competition
- Being part of a group who were placed 1st, 2nd 3rd in a regional or national competition
- Being selected for a regional, national or international training squad/team/group

For attention of School Leavers ONLY

S4-S6 pupils were sent the following message to their Glow email addresses this week:

Dear S4/5/6 Pupil,

If you are **due to leave school this summer**, please be made aware that your Glow account will be removed from **29 July 2022**.

Given that your access will be removed (if you're leaving), you must ensure you do **at least** the following **before** your account is removed:

1. Update your email address on any websites you've signed up to with your Glow Email e.g. Employers, College, University
2. Forward any emails you wish to keep to your own personal email address e.g. Joe.Bloggs@outlook.com
3. Download any OneDrive content you wish to keep
4. Download any other content you wish to keep

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