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Dear Parent/Carer of S6 pupils,

I hope this letter continues to find you and your loved ones safe and well.

Senior Assessments, School Leavers and Skills Development Scotland Information

As we move towards the end of the academic year we are keen to share with our young people and their families the arrangements for our senior pupils over the next few weeks.

As you will see from the table below S5/6 pupils are currently in the second assessment window and this is scheduled to finish for them on 20th May. **From 21st May senior pupils who have completed all their assessments and relevant coursework are no longer required to attend.**

Where a young person has missed an assessment, has college assessments to complete or has an Advanced Higher dissertation to work on the table below indicates the period of time that staff will utilise to support our young people with this.

Leaving Arrangements

The Young Person's Guarantee (Scottish Government Commitment) offers all young people aged 16-24 the opportunity of exploring options such as:

- An apprenticeship
- Fair employment including work experience
- Participating in a formal volunteering programme
- Training
- Going to university or college

On **Thursday the 3rd June** we will be working closely with our partners in Skills Development Scotland (SDS) and Community Learning to support the leaving process and ensure that we are fulfilling this commitment. Whilst work is already underway to support post school positive destination, on this date all school leavers (S4-S6) should attend to **officially sign leaver forms** and confirm that post school plans are in place. Completed forms are required to remove a young person from the school roll. Where appropriate, House Teams and partner agencies will continue to contact and work with young people over the month of June to help support this transition process. This will include phone calls and meetings with Skills Development Scotland Careers Advisers, who will continue to work with school leavers throughout the summer months and in to the future. Arrangements for leaver forms are as follows:

P1	Arran House
P2	Bute House
P3	Cumbræ House
P4	Davaar House

Leavers only need to attend for the period indicated.

S6 Leaver Celebration

On Friday 4th June we have arranged a leaving celebration. This has been planned, taking into consideration requests from House Captains. The morning will include a welcome breakfast and give the year group an opportunity to come together to say their final goodbyes. The celebrations will end at 12:30, S6 will be dismissed at this point. Whilst we cannot offer an event such as Prom, this morning gives us as a school community the opportunity to mark this important transition time.

Hoodies are currently in transit. We hope to distribute these as soon as possible.

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Date	Event / Activity
20th May	Last day of scheduled assessments for S5/6 pupils.
21st – 26th May	Period for pupils to carry out missed assessments, complete college course assessments and Advanced Higher dissertations. Parents/Carers will be contacted direct if this applies.
27th May	In-service Day
28th May	In-service Day
31st May	Holiday
1st - 2nd June	Period for pupils to carry out missed assessments, complete college course assessments and Advanced Higher dissertations. Parents/Carers will be contacted direct if this applies.
3rd June	S4, S5 and S6 Formal Leavers Day: Lower Hall
4th June	S6 Celebration Morning: Upper Assembly Hall
7th June	Start of new timetable

As ever, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, queries or if you or your young person require any support or guidance.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Mackay." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'R' and a trailing flourish.

Mrs R MacKay
Depute Head Teacher
Hermitage Academy