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Dear Parent/Carer

**End of Term Letter - April 2020**

I imagine that whether you are a parent/carer, student or member of staff, this was not the way you anticipated the end of term would happen. Please find below just a few brief updates by way of information. Given the fast-moving nature of our current circumstance, I hope you appreciate that some of the updates are by necessity incomplete.

On behalf of the staff team, I would like to thank parents and carers for the many messages of thanks and support we have received over these past few weeks. It is at times of crisis and uncertainty that communities demonstrate their inspirational qualities, and this is absolutely true of the Inverurie Academy school community.

Wishing you a peaceful and safe break over the next fortnight.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Jones  
**Head Teacher**

### **Virtual Learning**

It has been fantastic to see the level of engagement from students to our new virtual learning environment. Both staff and students have honed new technological skills and will continue to do so in the weeks to come. As both a teacher and parent I realise the commitment required from parents/carers to support this virtual learning – we really appreciate that this may be a completely new environment for you also.

### **SQA**

Many of you will be aware of the regular SQA updates around how certification will work for candidates in session 2019-20. The most recent update is to be found [here](#). It has been great to see so much online activity with both S1-3 and S4-6 students continuing with their learning. We will give you further information once the detail of this recent announcement can be clarified.

### **Vulnerable Students & Children of Key Workers**

Over the past fortnight, we have been working closely with our Cluster Primary colleagues to help set up the Childcare Hub providing childcare for frontline Category 1 key workers. We will continue to support provision for children of key workers in the new term and you can expect updates to follow.

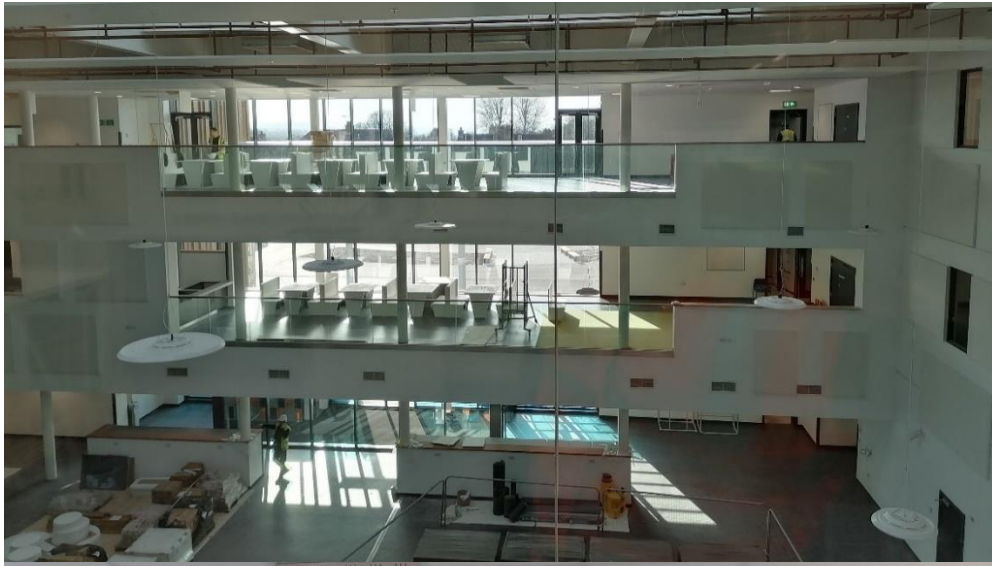
Scottish Government have asked that we make specific arrangements for young people who are vulnerable. Work on this is well under way and we have started to meet with young people and families who are likely to be involved.

### **Inverurie Community Campus**

Given that we are currently in a lockdown situation, there can be no practical completion of the project as yet. However, it is wonderful to know that our community is really close to being able to inhabit such a great facility and I have included some photographs on the next page that you may not have seen to provide you with a sense of eager anticipation!



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