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Dear Parent/Carer

### General Updates for Parents & Carers

As we move into the final two weeks of the most incredible summer term any of us could have experienced, I write to provide you with a number of key updates. Given the sheer rate of change, providing a letter that encompasses all of the information you may be interested in is simply not possible. I have therefore created a series of summary paragraphs with a link to an associated video update either from myself or a member of my leadership team. In this way, you can prioritise what you wish to hear about most and go directly to that section.

Most of the updates relate to activity surrounding our planning and preparation for a long-awaited return to physical school in August, or a blend of physical and virtual school to be more precise.

Although this is a letter for parents and carers, I would encourage you to share these links with students in your household as these updates will be as important for them as they are for you.

<b>An overview of a phased return to Inverurie Academy in August.</b>	
A first summary of the approach taken by Inverurie Academy was provided for parents and carers on 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2020. The link can be found in the column opposite.	Update on 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2020 <a href="https://bit.ly/IAHTPCBriefing080620">https://bit.ly/IAHTPCBriefing080620</a>
An update with further detail about the nature of changes to the school day was provided on 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2020 with the link opposite.	Update on 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2020 <a href="https://bit.ly/IASchoolDayStructureUpdate">https://bit.ly/IASchoolDayStructureUpdate</a>
<b>An update on progress for Inverurie Community Campus.</b>	
Following easing of lockdown. Robertson Group are working hard to progress to completion the work on the Inverurie Community Campus building, with a firm plan to have this ready for us on 10 <sup>th</sup> August 2020.	<a href="https://vimeo.com/425550145">https://vimeo.com/425550145</a>
However, to whet your appetite a little, Mr Anderson has worked with Robertson Group to create a virtual visual tour of the Campus and the link to this is also included opposite.	Password: Inverurie
<b>An overview following the learning &amp; teaching survey returns from parents &amp; carers, students and staff.</b>	
During May, we conducted surveys with parents, carers, students and staff to identify what was going well and where our areas for priority were in the virtual learning environment we were offering. A summary of the collated returns has been produced for your information.	<a href="https://youtu.be/vUWza3UB4gs">https://youtu.be/vUWza3UB4gs</a>
<b>A short summary of our approach for blended learning &amp; teaching at Inverurie Academy.</b>	

A great deal of work has been carried out led by our Learning and Teaching Project Group to provide a guide as to how virtual learning will look from August.	<a href="https://bit.ly/IABlendedLearning2020">https://bit.ly/IABlendedLearning2020</a>
An overview of the past, present and next steps about the changed arrangements overseen by the SQA.	
This year has seen a changed approach by the SQA to ensure students are certificated appropriately for the level they have worked to. A summary of this journey can be found opposite.	<a href="https://bit.ly/IASQAUpdateJune2020">https://bit.ly/IASQAUpdateJune2020</a>
Information about changes to our Uniform Guidelines and about ordering School Uniform.	
We have made some small changes to our Uniform Guidelines and also the current COVID-19 situation has resulted in changed arrangements from supplier <i>Academy Uniforms</i> . A summary has been included here.	<a href="https://bit.ly/IAUniformUpdate2020">https://bit.ly/IAUniformUpdate2020</a>
Our Improvement Plan for 2020-22.	
We carried out a series of workshops with parents, carers, students and staff to identify priorities for the school in the next two years. A short overview has been provided for your information.	<a href="https://bit.ly/IAImprovementPlan2022">https://bit.ly/IAImprovementPlan2022</a>

I hope you have found both the format and content of this update letter useful. Thank you for your continued support of young people in your family and of Inverurie Academy.

Yours sincerely



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