

# Parent Update

18 September 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

The first of this session's reports were issued yesterday to S4, S5 and S6 students. This tracking report gives an early indication of how your child is progressing in each of their subjects and enables students to identify what actions they will take in moving forward. To help focus this, time will be spent on this during Tutor classes, with Tutor teachers giving students some guidance on what steps they can take to improve. I am delighted that some parents have been in touch with senior staff following their child's report and would encourage anyone who wishes to discuss any aspect of their child's learning to contact us.

S1 teachers are now writing settling-in reports for S1 students. This is a new report for us and the intention is to give S1 parents a brief indication of how their child has settled into each subject and an overview from their Head of House. Further information will come along with the reports which will be issued within the next few weeks.

## **Student Council**

The Student Council here at Deans provides all students with an opportunity to have a say in many aspects of school life. Some of the changes that they have brought about include the number of qualifications offered in S4, blazers, introduction of lockers for S4 and how some school finances are spent to reduce the cost of the school day. Any student can put their name forward for election onto the Council and this year we have received a record number of nominations. The elections will take place shortly and this year, as with so many other things, they will be done electronically rather than in person. I am confident that this year's Council will have just as great an impact on Deans as previous years.

## **Revised Holiday Dates**

You should have received a note of the revised holiday dates for this session, following the agreement from West Lothian Council on the reallocation of the days used to bring students back to school early in August. These can also be viewed on the school website and the Council website. This leads nicely to a reminder that Monday and Tuesday are both holidays and I hope that all students and staff are able to enjoy some down time before returning on Wednesday morning.

Many thanks for your continued support during these challenging times and I hope that you and your families remain safe and well.

Pauline Allison  
Head Teacher

## Reminder of Covid 19 Prorocols

As you are aware, with the return of our pupils and staff to school, we have put procedures in to place that support all members of the school community if anyone displays symptoms of Covid 19.

A reminder that the symptoms are:

- High temperature or fever
- A new continuous cough
- A loss of, or change in sense of smell or taste

If a pupil displays symptoms, we will contact you to collect your child (please ensure that we have your most up to date contact details). **Pupils over the age of 16 may return home themselves.** The pupil should, if possible, wear a face covering en route and avoid public transport.

You will be asked to follow Test and Protect and we will provide you with a copy of the Test and Protect Leaflet and Step by Step Guide when your child is collected.

Information on the groups of children within the school, **and on school transport**, and the adults that each group of children come in to contact with will be collected. This is to fulfil legal responsibilities for public health and will allow Test and Protect to contact appropriate people in the event of a positive test result.

***If anyone within your household tests positive for Covid 19, please do not send your child to school. Report their absence and the reason for this by calling PSA in the morning.***