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To parents, carers and young people of Crieff High School,

Crieff High School remains closed to ALL staff and pupils.

I write to you today to inform you of plans in place for next term.

Continuation of learning

For the first 2 – 3 weeks of next term young people will continue to access their online learning using one of the three previously identified online platforms, namely, ShowMyHomework, Google Classroom or Microsoft Teams.

You may be more familiar with ShowMyHomework as this has been our whole school approach to setting and marking homework activities for almost 3 years.

During the first week of school closure there has been 560 assignments set by class teachers on ShowMyHomework with 792 submissions made by 302 pupils. I'd like to record my thanks once again for the collective effort in ensuring our young people continue with their learning.

This is particularly pleasing given some of the IT issues experienced by us all. IT issues are becoming less frequent and our guidance colleagues continue to call home to speak with families to see if we can be of any further support to ensure that young people can and do continue with their learning.

Google Classroom, Microsoft Teams, coursework submitted electronically to a class teacher and paper packs of activities provided prior to school closure would add to this overview.

We are hopeful of starting our new timetable for those who have made subject choices in early May, one month ahead of the anticipated start date of Monday 1st June. This will support young people to continue to engage in meaningful and purposeful learning activities. More information on this will be shared with you at the beginning of next term.

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S2 Tracking reports

S2 Tracking reports were due for completion on Friday 20th March. As we shifted our focus towards preparing our continuation of learning programme these reports remained partially complete at the beginning of the school closure period.

I am pleased to inform you that our class teachers have now completed these reports and these will be with you shortly. Thank you to all who have made this possible.

Battlefields trip – June 2020

The most recent advice we have received is that the school should proceed with paying the balance for the annual Battlefields trip which we have actioned accordingly.

There is to be a review of travel arrangements for school trips on Thursday 16th April.

Parents and carers should not pay any further contributions towards this.

More information is likely to follow early next term.

Staffing

Martin Blacklaws retires from his teacher of Physical Education post after 30 years service at Crieff High School and 38 years service to Perth & Kinross Council.

Gregor McIntosh joins Crieff High School in the new term and arrives with a proven track record over 12 years of supporting young people to attain and achieve to the highest of standards.

We wish Mr Blacklaws all the very best for a long and happy retirement as we look forward to welcoming Mr McIntosh to our school community.

SQA Estimates

Finally, please note that all departments have submitted their SQA Estimates to me for consideration over the next three weeks ahead of the SQA deadline of Friday 24th April. Further information on this can be found by following this link:

<https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/93777.html>

Take care of yourself and your loved ones over the upcoming holiday period. It is important that all pupils, staff and families rest over these two weeks in readiness for next term.

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