



## Update for Pupils and Parents      Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Good morning everyone

### **Years 12 & 14 Best Wishes**

The work for Years 12 and 14 (for final GCSE and A Level respectively) will be drawn to a close shortly by your teachers and the Assessment procedure for the various Examination Boards is well underway. We appreciate it has been a surprising and challenging way to end your school career, but trust your school experience will stand you in good stead as you go forward to the next stage of your educational journey.

### **Leaving Gifts**

**Year 14 students** leaving us, you will receive your personalised Hooded Top with the Class of 2020 and your Yearbook, as planned.

**For all students in Year 12**, including those who will return to Sixth Form, you will receive your commemorative mug with the school crest and the names of the class of 2020.

We will inform you when these items will be ready for collection in the School Entrance Hall.

### **Report of Grading for Years 8 – 11 & 13**

Students in Year Groups 8 – 11 & 13 – will receive their Report at the end of June, which this year will include: a Grade for their year's work which will be calculated in two parts (1) performance tracking prior to the lock-down, together with details of attitude to learning, uniform, behaviour and attendance and (2) tracking of the online engagement, or alternatively completion of hard copy folders of work, since 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

For those who have not engaged in all subjects, there is still time to complete some work for your teachers and demonstrate your learning. I thank the many parents and pupils for their contact when obstacles have occurred. Please do not hesitate to ask if any additional queries arise.

Students moving from Year 11 into Year 12 in September and also those moving from Year 13 into Year 14 – will each be able to begin next year's work as their teachers become ready. It is vital all of these young people engage fully in each of their subjects to give them the best possible chance of success next school year.



### **Applications for Sixth Form Places**

We have received a large number of Applications for Year 13 places next year. Please submit your form of interest if you have not already done so, as this will inform the curriculum which will be timetabled for next year.

### **Information for Incoming Year 8**

The Education Authority will be informing Year 8 students of their new school placements by 4<sup>th</sup> June and schools are asked to write to the pupils they are able to admit by 8<sup>th</sup> June. I am pleased to say the applications are well over-subscribed for the year 2020/21, and we look forward to welcoming our new cohort of students.

### **Applications for Head Prefect Positions**

Year 13 Students who are interested in the role of Head Prefect, Deputy Head Prefect or Senior Prefect for the school year, 2020/21, will be able to apply and interview for these positions in the usual way. Interested students are asked to make an expression of interest via the School Information Email Account, and you will receive further details of how to apply in due course. I encourage the many students who have developed leadership skills over their time at school to engage in this valuable experience. It is likely next School Year will be different – certainly at first - but we need our young leaders to step forward as never before.

### **Service to our Community**

Throughout the period of lock-down, school staff and pupils, as you know, have been engaged in various forms of service to the community. Most recently, our Technology Department has designed and produced a Hands-Free Door Handle for use by caregivers in our ten local Care Homes in the Ballymena area. We sincerely hope this conveys our respect for our elderly community and our support for the excellent care they receive in these current challenging circumstances.

Go Dunclug College – keep up the good work!

Ruth Wilson