



# St Benedict's College

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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Return to school:** Year 12

We are looking forward to welcoming all of our Year 12 students back to school on Monday 22 March. We recognise that it has been a challenging time for them but we are confident that, with your support, we will be able to ease them back into school life quickly and successfully. We will endeavour to ensure that students do not feel overwhelmed when they return and will provide them with as much support and time as we can to help them re-adjust and re-engage with their learning and each other.

Our plan for the return on 22 March is that students will follow a revised timetable. They will have blocs of time with each of their subject teachers for the first week. In Holy Week then, week beginning 29 March, students will be asked to sit assessments that should have been done as mock examinations pre-Christmas. We need the outcomes of these assessments to help us build up the bank of evidence that is going to be required by the examination boards for Centre Determined Grades. The work that will be covered in these assessments will have been completed in school, in Term 1, before we entered this current period of Remote Learning. We have decided to focus on Term 1 for this set of assessments because we do not want to disadvantage pupils who, through no fault of their own, were unable to engage fully with online learning. Subject teachers will advise students on the specific topics they will need to revisit and provide them with detailed revision lists so they are clear on the material that will be assessed and can focus accordingly. This guidance will be posted on Google Classroom. Please reassure your child that these assessments are an opportunity for them to demonstrate their previous learning and to perform highly.

## **Guidance on the awarding of Centre Determined Grades**

At the moment, we are awaiting more detailed guidance from CCEA on exactly how students' performance should be weighted and the type of data which will be required for Centre Determined Grades. We will keep you informed as soon as we receive more information from CCEA and the Department as this will invariably dictate the arrangements for teaching after Easter.

In this period of uncertainty, we are confident that, with your continued support, we can safely guide our students through the process. Rest assured that we will give them every opportunity to show what they know and how they have progressed so we will be able to award them a grade in each subject that is a fair reflection of their ability and hard work.

As ever if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact myself, a member of the Senior Leadership Team or Mr Bonnes.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Catriona McAteer  
Principal

