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Dear Parent/Carer,

I write to inform you of the school's arrangements for Senior Phase young people in the month of June. As you know, young people are currently undergoing their second round of assessments; the evidence generated from these, alongside evidence from Assessment Round One, will enable us to submit Provisional Grades to SQA for their deadline of June 25<sup>th</sup>.

As a consequence of the Alternative Certification Model (ACM), Stranraer Academy will not change timetable until our return on August 19<sup>th</sup>. However, young people will be expected to return to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

During the three weeks from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June until school closes for the summer holidays on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June, young people will spend part of the week in their new subjects and the other part of on the development of skills for learning, life and work, a core entitlement of Curriculum for Excellence. Once the timetable has been finalised, it will be posted for the young people on Microsoft Teams, no later than Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. You will be notified about this by text message. It is imperative that young people attend school in the final three weeks of term. Please note Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June is an Inset Day and the school will be closed to all young people.

Note too that from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May, young people must come to school in full uniform, including their blazer, as PE changing facilities can now be used, with all appropriate Health & Safety measures in place.

With regard to the distribution of Provisional Grades, I can confirm that these will be given by the school towards the end of June, but we are still awaiting a confirmed date from the Education Directorate for their release.

The official Leaving Date is 31<sup>st</sup> May for those young people who are eligible. To be eligible, you need to be aged 16 before 30<sup>th</sup> September. For those young people in receipt of EMA, this will continue to be paid until the end of term.

As a parent of a child in S4, I well understand that this is a difficult situation in which we find ourselves which may cause a degree of anxiety and trepidation; please be assured, however, that we are working hard to ensure fairness in the system and that all young people are well supported to achieve their full potential.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Best wishes

Alicia Reid

**Head Teacher** 

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