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Dear AHS S4 Parents/Carers

Scottish Qualifications Arrangements for S4 Pupils at AHS

As I outlined in my letter of 08 October 2020, on Wednesday 07 October the Scottish Government announced that there will be no external assessment for National 5 courses this session – either by exam or by coursework.

National 5 courses will now be assessed by teacher judgement over the year, supported by assessment resources and quality assurance.

Our teachers are working hard to learn about the new national advice. Teachers are planning how they will assess your child's work, in line with government and SQA guidelines.

We will keep in touch with you over the next few important months. In the meantime, please note the following points:

- We will no longer be holding National 5 prelim examinations in 2020-21. These were planned for early January and are now cancelled;
- We are going to write AHS Assessment Calendars for S4, for each term ahead. We will share these with all pupils and parents/carers. The calendars will let you see when subject departments are going to be completing key pieces of work. We hope this will help pupils and families plan over the winter. I will send this first calendar to you as soon as I can, in November.

S4 Reports and Parents' Nights

At the moment, we continue to plan for the following:

- The S4 monitoring reports will be posted home late November 2020;
- Pupils will receive their full S4 report on 09 February 2021;
- The S4 parents' evening remains at 11 February 2021, and we will review this in light of national advice nearer the time.

As always, if you have any questions at all, please do contact your Pupil Support Teacher or Mr Patrick Robertson, Depute Head Teacher (S4).

Best regards

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