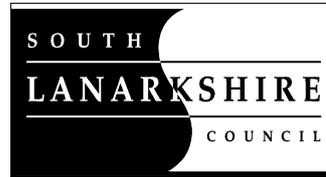




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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am sure that you share my sentiment that this Easter break comes as something of a relief for all of us, given the practical difficulties of running households, hybrid working from home, family members isolating at times and increased absence rates for staff and pupils of late. It has been a fraught period and I am grateful to students for sticking with it all and for staff plugging the gaps when times were very tough over the last few weeks. The holiday comes at the right time.

I hope that a large proportion of our school community finally get to head off somewhere for some kind of holiday that may have been delayed several times already over the last couple of years and that it is all they hoped it would be in the first place.

As we move towards our new timetable in mid-May, I am mindful of our senior students heading towards (maskless, in-person) SQA exams and would again salute their fortitude as they have coped with challenges no pupils have had to face before.

Like the daffodils in the school grounds, we are seeing the same green shoots of recovery all around us: we are planning for our S6 Leaver Ceremony; our ASN Celebration of Achievement; Primary Transitions; sporting activities and cultural events and we are all paid up for the Prom in June. Slowly but surely we are getting there, getting back to what schools do and, with the removal of masks after Easter for those who wish it, an important step in a return to full freedoms for our learners. It has been a hard road for them at times but, as ever, they found a way to get through it all and out the other side.

Whatever your plans are, I hope the sun shines and I look forward to our return on Tuesday April 19th at 8.45am.

A' the Best,

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