## PARKHALL INTEGRATED COLLEGE

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## Dear Parent/Guardian

I would like to take this opportunity to commend our young people on how they have returned to school following the latest restart. I appreciate fully the difficulties experienced over the past number of months and have welcomed the full return of our school community, albeit still with a range of mitigations during the school day. I thank you for your support in equipping our young people to be able to return to school on a full time basis.

Summer term this year is extremely different with schools having to manage the production of Centre Determined Grades for our Year 12-14 students, rather than external exams.

In order to accommodate this process, the Summer Term will operate as follows:

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May is a public holiday and pupils should not attend.
- Tuesday 4th May Year 11 pupils will finish school at 12.15pm
- Wednesday 5th May Year 9 pupils will finish school at 12.15pm
- Thursday 6th May Year 10 pupils will finish school at 12.15pm
- Friday 7th May Year 8 pupils will finish school at 12.15pm
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May have been designated by the Minister of Education as Qualifications Procedure Days- Pupils are not required to attend school on these dates.
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May is a Staff Development Day and Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May is a Public Holiday. Pupils are not required to attend on these dates.
- Summer Assessments for Year 8- 11 will take place from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June and further details will be shared closer to these dates.
- Summer term for all pupils will end on Friday 25th June as planned

In relation to Centre Determined Grades we have created a section on our school website in order to keep Parents informed of this process. It currently has a copy of our Centre Determined Grades Policy, A CCEA Parent Advice Presentation and copies of our Assessment Schedule for pupils within years 12-14. Further information will be added to this section as we progress through this process.

I am also pleased to be able to announce two very exciting sporting opportunities that will be launched over the next period:

The first opportunity is an addition to our Post 16 curriculum offer. From September we will be able to offer 16 places on our Post 16 Football Academy which will be offered in conjunction with Rangers Soccer Academy, Ballyclare Football Club and N Ireland Goalkeeping Academy. This BTEC course will be delivered by our PE department and will be the equivalent of 3 'A' levels.

The second opportunity is an addition to our offer within our games and extra-curricular programme. We currently enjoy a number of link ups with local sporting clubs who assist with coaching expertise for our pupils in school and provide a pathway for pupils who wish to pursue their interest in sport outside school at a local level. We are delighted to announce a similar opportunity through engagement with Antrim GAA

## **Our Mission Statement:**

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and St Comgalls GAC which will initially focus on providing opportunities for girls to develop their interest in Gaelic Games and provide coach education for our PE staff.

I have enclosed further details of both of these opportunities with this correspondence.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this past term.

Yours sincerely

G Beattie (Mr) Principal