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Dear Parent/Guardian

I trust this finds you well at the end of a very different School year. I wish to take this opportunity to update you on a number of key issues at this time.

## **Year 14 Pupils**

The Centre Assessed grades have been submitted to the Examination Boards and we now await their decision regarding grades in August. The Examination Boards will apply a range of statistical models before issuing final grades and we hope and trust that our pupils will be awarded the grades that they deserve. Our Careers Team have remained in touch with pupils regarding the next stage of their careers and we will continue to do this throughout the next period and on results day, which remains scheduled for Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August. In the light of the current situation, this will be organised differently and we will post details of these arrangements in early August. Regrettably, our Year 14 pupils did not get to really celebrate the end of their 7 years with us in the proper fashion and we still remain hopeful that we can organise some form of 'get-together' in the Autumn.

## **Year 13 Pupils**

The Centre Assessed grades have been submitted, where appropriate, for our Year 13 pupils and we await decisions on grades from the Examination Boards on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Following these we will organise individual interviews to decide on the best way forward for the next academic year. We are currently awaiting updates from the Department of Education and Examination Boards regarding the requirements and arrangements for the next academic year and will keep pupils and parents informed as information is confirmed.

## **Year 12 Pupils**

The Centre Assessed grades have been submitted to the Examination Boards and we await their decision on final grades on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August. We will be in contact in Mid-August regarding how we will organise results distribution on this date and how 'Returning to Sixth Form' interviews will be organised. Information regarding subject choices for the next year has already been distributed to pupils who have indicated that they wish to return to school. If there are any changes to these subject choices please email us on [info@parkhallintegratedcollege.antrim.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@parkhallintegratedcollege.antrim.ni.sch.uk). For those Year 12 pupils who are moving onto other opportunities, I would like to wish you every success and if you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at any stage.

## **Year 11 Pupils**

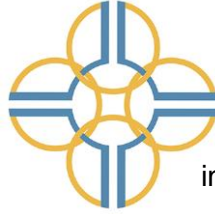
Where appropriate, we have submitted Centred Assessed grades to the Examination Boards for our Year 11 pupils. Results will be issued on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August and we will be in contact in Mid-August to provide details of how this will be organised. We are currently awaiting further guidance from the Department of Education and the Examination Boards regarding the requirements and arrangements for the next Academic Year. I appreciate this is quite a difficult and stressful situation for pupils and parent alike and we will endeavour to make the next stage as straightforward as possible. Unfortunately Year 11 Work Experience has been cancelled and we will discuss and seek further guidance to see if we can provide any form of Work Experience in Year 12, given the current circumstances.

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## **Years 8 – 10**

This has obviously been a very different year for our younger pupils with the greatly increased use of Google Classroom as a remote learning tool. I would like to thank our parents, pupils and staff for all their efforts in adapting to using this provision in these circumstances. Current guidelines seem to indicate that remote learning will remain a key part of the educational provision for our pupils as part of a blended learning approach where children will spend time working in school on certain days and on other days, they will work remotely at home. In order to prepare for this provision, we are going to close the current subject Goggle Classroom on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June and move to ten subject tasks which pupils will be able to provide evidence of by submitting to their Registration Teacher's Goggle Classroom by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Details of this classroom code were previously e-mailed to the pupils C2K accounts and via SIMS Parent App and your child will probably already be a member of this group. However if your require the code for your child's Google Classroom please email [info@parkhallintegratedcollege.antrim.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@parkhallintegratedcollege.antrim.ni.sch.uk) . We aim to display a large number of these submissions on our website and on social media. School Reports reflecting the work of the pupils up until March will be posted to parents/guardians in the last week of June.

## **School Recovery & Restart**

We are aware that school in September may be very different to any other year and we are currently awaiting medical advice and government guidance from the Department of Education and Education Authority regarding how schools will restart. In the interim we have established 5 Staff working groups looking at Health & Safety, Care & Welfare, Learning & Teaching, Communication and Access & Delivery. We are preparing plans for what the new school week/day will look like, with pupils working both at home and in school for specific periods but are unable to proceed too far with these plans until official guidance is received. As the picture becomes clearer I will update parents for arrangements for the new term.

I appreciate this has been a difficult and challenging time for us all and assure you of our continued support as we move forward into a 'new normal' for schools.

Please do not hesitate to contact us on 029 94 468556 between 9.00am – 1.00pm or by email through [info@parkhallintegratedcollege.antrim.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@parkhallintegratedcollege.antrim.ni.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

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