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Dear Student

I hope you are well and getting a chance to enjoy some of the nice weather we have been having. Here are some updates for you.

Student voice and questions

You will receive requests for your feedback on a regular basis and please know that you can contact your Guidance teacher through your GLOW team or through your wellbeing and attainment team. We have already asked for your thoughts and suggestions on whole school priorities for next year through wellbeing and attainment and there is an online form for completion. Please complete this form by the end of this week so that you can have a say in decisions about your education for next session.

New timetable

You will receive your new timetable in the post this week. This will mean that you will move forward a year and you may be concerned that you haven't had the type of induction that you would normally receive in school. As such, we have moved it earlier to give you time to settle into your new classes and anticipate this to be a "soft start" meaning that the pace will be slower to give you more time.

You are not expected to follow this timetable at home. Your teachers will soon be publishing a timetable of when they will post your work for the week on Teams and a schedule of when they are available for you to contact them. You should take responsibility for setting your own timetable. We will make suggested timetables available on our website but these should fit in with your own family access to IT. We are aware that some of you have limited IT access at home and we are trying our best to be mindful of this. Please also note that there are many links on our website for you to check out in terms of being prepared for this next step. For those of you without access to IT at all, your Guidance teacher will be in touch very soon to make suitable arrangements.

The recommendation is that you spend up to four hours per day on schoolwork, with this divided into 45 minute periods.

Senior Phase Leavers

We acknowledge that your school days have come to an abrupt end. You will note that we are moving forward the timetable next week but I want to assure you that we are still here to support you in any way you need to make the transition to the next stage. We did not know that Friday 20 March would be your last day at the time and there were other pressures and logistical challenges facing us all which meant there wasn't the opportunity to offer a meaningful gesture at short notice. We were planning to invite you back to school to celebrate the end of your school days and this would still be our intention. Should school closure continue for much longer then we will be in touch to share alternative arrangements to mark the occasion. You should use this time to prepare

yourself for the next step and we all send our best wishes to you as you make this move on to the next chapter of your life.

VE Day

We have had some good feedback on this and are looking forward to seeing how you and your family may mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day on 8 May 2020. Some families are planning an afternoon tea or dinner by making recipes, some are creating a window display or performing music or dances. Others are individual student entries responding to one of the subject challenges. Remember that there are prizes being awarded by our parent council, so it is important that your parents email the admin email address or post your description/picture on or by 8 May. We are looking forward to seeing your entries.

Please continue to look after yourself, observe social distancing and try your very best with home learning.

Best regards



Mrs T Cameron
Head Teacher