

### **Pastoral Care, Safeguarding and Pupil Well Being**

**Mr Hamilton email to Year Group groups re. Summer break, planning for return to school, available external support and your well-being**  
**30<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

First of all, I want to recognise the resilience you have shown at this unexpected point in your educational journey, and also note the time and effort that you have been putting into your studies. Well done to you all for reaching the end of term! Thank you to those who have sent in examples of the good work you have been doing at home for our FACEBOOK– we love to celebrate and show off your achievements and demonstrate how proud we are of you!

There will be no activity on the Google classroom(s) over the summer. You may of course continue to access any of your classrooms, but please do not expect to hear from your teachers during the summer holidays.

We are looking forward to the time that we will all be able to be together again. We have enjoyed listening to your voice via School Council class representatives Zoom meeting(s), Registration group Zoom meeting(s), Senior Prefect Team Zoom meeting(s) as well as via the online pupil survey feedback. This has all helped us to understand what lockdown has been like for you. It has also been important for us to hear what matters to you as we plan together towards our return to school from the end of August.

Please be reassured that when August comes around, we will be in touch again with all the latest plans that we have for our school to help you come back to school safely, ready to meet with one another again, to restart friendships, to see all your teaching and Non-Teaching staff who know you and are there to help, ready to enjoy school and our return to learning together.

Remember that Government guidance on schools reopening may change over the next seven weeks. We are currently planning to have pupils in school for three days per week and working at home for two days per week. I want to repeat some of the pastoral points that your Pastoral Leader shared with you in a previous email about our priorities to help your return to school:

- **your safety and emotional well-being are our priority and we will be here to support you in whatever way you need**
- **we will do everything that we can to help everyone settle back into school**
- **everyone will receive clear guidance on the routines for August/September in due course**
- **at the moment we are planning for a blend of online and in class learning (some time learning in school and some time learning at home).**
- **there will be more guidance in August about what you will be learning and what exams next year might look like, once school staff find out more about this**

The first days for return to school in August are planned for the following dates:

Year 12 and 14	w/b	24 August.
Years 8 and 11		Friday 28 August.
Years 9, 10, and 13	w/b	31 August.

GCSE, AS and A2 results will be issued in school as follows:

AS and A2	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2020
GCSE	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2020

(Pupils and parent-carers should come to the Humphreys Hall on the Castlerock Road campus)

The following Senior Prefect Team appointments have been made for 2020-21:

- Samuel McGurk (Head Boy)
- Diana Mathewson (Head Girl)
- Laura Andrews, Dan Brown, Harriet Dallas, Ciaran Long, Matthew McAllister, Megan McMullan, Helen Reid (Deputy Head Boys/Girls)
- James Beggs, Kirsty Dalzell, Tom Hutchinson, Ellen Walls (Senior Prefects)

Congratulations and very well done to all involved on their success. We look forward to them leading their peers and the school community in the same accomplished way that the 2019-20 Senior Prefect Team have, and we thank the 2019-20 Senior Prefect team and Prefects for their contribution and commitment to school, particularly during the last year. The appointment of Prefects will be announced at the beginning of the new academic year at the end of August/beginning of September.

If there is something that you want help with or if there is anything that is worrying you over the summer break, there is external support available. Please see the support resources attached and don't forget that there is also a wide range of support information available to you via the Pastoral Care, Safeguarding and Pupil Well Being Classroom – class code **gmh5o7u** and via the School Website <http://www.colerainegrammar.com/about-covid-19/pastoral-care-and-wellbeing> . You can still self-refer for Independent School Counselling by visiting the [www.familyworksni.com](http://www.familyworksni.com) to complete a self-referral online (please see the attached information). Referrals may be made directly via the digital referral form on the Familyworks website **or** via Familyworks telephone helpline numbers, which are 02891821721 and 02891820341.

I want to thank, on your behalf, your Pastoral Leader(s) and the pastoral/SEN/Learning Support staff for their work and communication with you and your families throughout the school year, including during the time of extended school closure since the end of March.

As Pastoral staff, we will all be taking a break now, until the middle of August and we want to encourage you to have a break too. It is time for a rest.

Have a great summer everyone and take care of yourselves.

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