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Dear Parents/Carers,

I'd like to take this opportunity once again to thank all of our pupils, parents and carers, as well as members of our wider Camus Community, for their relentless support during times that continue to challenge us in new and different ways.

As you will be aware, our current S1 to S5 secondary pupils are approaching their timetable change; traditionally something that happens at this time each session, but is face-to-face, with pupils being issued with their new timetables in paper form and physically attending their classes to meet new teachers and classmates. Unfortunately, this year, as I am sure you would expect, we cannot accommodate this process in the same way.

Therefore, on Friday 29th May and Monday 1st June Campus staff will be working to populate their new classes on Show My Homework ready for a timetable change of Tuesday 2nd June. Due to this, and in line with other North Ayrshire Schools, no new work will be set on these days and communication with pupils is likely to be reduced.

Once we have updated our system, instead of the traditional period-by-period timetable being issued, pupils' new classes will appear when they log in to their Show My Homework account on Tuesday 2nd June; allowing them to see the subjects they have chosen and who their teachers are. Once in Show My Homework (using a web browser and not the App while accessing for the first time) they can do this any of the 3 ways:

- Responding welcome messages that appear from your new teacher
- Going to 'Calendar' and the 'All Classes' drop down box
- Going to 'Grade Book' and selecting the drop down box

All 'old' classes will remain in your child's drop-down menu until our system behind the scenes fully changes over in July.

Further, with such a large number of pupils moving year group, class and subject via one electronic system and over a relatively short period of time, there can be small teething problems so please just get in touch with us via our Campus email address if your child has any issues.

Moving forward after the timetable change it is vital that all of our young people understand that they are embarking on learning to support their progress next session. This is why I have asked that teaching staff continue to monitor pupil work, in relation to submission and effort, and contact Pastoral staff, or the relevant Year Head, to ensure that pupils are completing tasks and activities set by their teachers to the best of their ability. Where this is not the case, and if no prior information has been communicated, a member of staff will make contact with you to offer further support. If you have ongoing concerns about your child's engagement with their learning, then you can access valuable data relating to their submissions via our parent access to Show My Homework as we know many of you already have.

As pupils in S3 to S6 have chosen their subjects for next session, where there is no prior communication, yet little engagement with learning, contact will be made by our Senior Leadership or Pastoral team to ensure the pathways they have chosen encourage them to progress with their learning; allowing them to achieve.

We also expect our new S2 pupils to engage with their learning as fully as possible. Here, also, parents and carers will be contacted by a member of Campus staff if there are any concerns with regards to completion of tasks and activities. We would encourage you to continue to make us aware of there are issues that could impact on their progress so that we are able to offer the appropriate support.


We would like to say a massive thank you to pupils who have been completing tasks and activities set by their current teachers frequently and to a consistently high standard. Although this new way of learning brings challenges to all those involved, their resilience and commitment has not gone unnoticed. We must also thank all parents and carers for supporting pupils with their online learning.

Finally, our website contains all the relevant links and packs of information that will provide you with the information necessary to support your child:

<https://www.garnockcommunitycampus.co.uk/covid19>

These are challenging times for us all and we appreciate your continued understanding and support throughout.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Dick'.

Alan Dick  
Head Teacher