

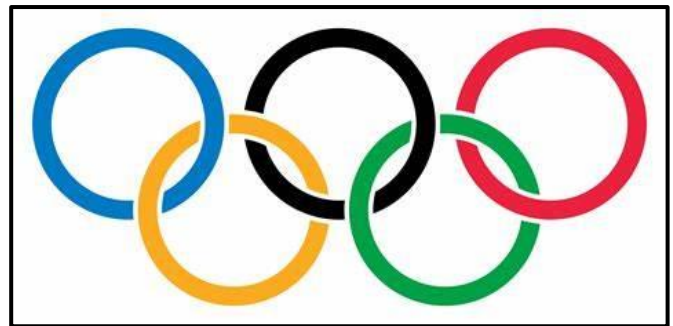


## EYEMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL | PARENT BULLETIN

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# ON YOUR MARKS....GET SET....GO!

I don't know about you, but I always find the olympics inspiring. It's not just performances, but the amazing stories that go alongside. This last year olympians have had to find all sorts of different ways to train during the various lockdowns across the world – whether that was a punchbag in the garage, a pole vault on the street, or a mini-swimming pool in the garden (not for the divers!) This past year has maybe felt a little similar – preparing in lots of different intensive ways for the challenges we had, not least the SQA qualifications! However, I am proud to report that our young people and staff put in an Olympic effort and have achieved a very pleasing set of results for the school. We can now build confidently going into the year ahead, that whatever it may bring (we are hoping for more 'normal'!) that we can face the challenges and achieve together.



Lockers have been emptied and cleaned over the Summer. Please bring a lock with you to secure your belongings.



We are looking for everyone to start school in great uniform on Wednesday. [Click here](#) for details on our website about suppliers and what's acceptable. No leggings please and white shirts essential!



Any senior students who may need to change a course will need to ring school to make an appointment to see their Pastoral Teacher on Monday between 1:30 and 2:30pm.



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# Keeping everyone safe in school

We continue to have a number of measures in place to ensure that everyone is kept as safe as possible in school in light of the Covid pandemic:

- Many current measures will remain – one-way system, split breaks and lunchtimes, wearing masks in classrooms and corridors, and washing and hygiene around school.
- All students and staff will need to test themselves twice a week. This is especially important before coming back into school on Wednesday. If you do not have testing kits, please contact school to be emailed a consent form, and either fill in electronically or come into school and fill one in. Either way kits are available on Monday or Tuesday next week in school.
- It is important that staff keep their distance from students. In each classroom we have set seating places to minimise close contacts in case of a Covid-positive case.
- Ventilation in classrooms may mean that on occasions students may need to wear outer clothing in school.
- In the event of a case, rules around isolation are now changing – we will let you know as soon as we have clarity from SBC and the Scottish Government on how this works.

On a more encouraging note we can make some adjustments:

- We will no longer have to split each year group during breaks and lunchtimes – everyone will be encouraged to use the outside spaces at these times. This does allow enrichment classes to run, as well as our First Year Friends scheme.
- PE, Music and Drama classes will be easier to run under new guidelines.
- It also seems likely that after the first month or so, the Scottish Government will consider whether some of these measures can be eased further.

Our students have been fantastic at adhering to these guidelines, and we really appreciate your support in ensuring that everyone is keeping as safe as possible.



If you have not done so already, please download our Xpressions app from your app store. It is a really good tool for communication with us as a school. If you are a parent of a new S1 pupil, you may need to log out and in again to pick up the new school.



It is essential that iPads are updated to the latest software which is 14.7.1. You may need to switch on and off and fully charge first. Mr Watson will be on hand on Wednesday and Thursday if any issues.



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