

CURRENT S3 – NEW S4 PARENTS

- In our letter dated Friday 24 April, we outlined that we would be moving our pupils onto the next phase of learning on Wednesday 6 May. I can now provide you with full details as to how this will operate. We are all aware it is important to keep our pupils progressing in their learning. For our S3 pupils this means moving into their next phase of qualifications.

Our format for this change is different to our normal school day – Thank you for feedback around this. We will now be using longer blocks of time as opposed to shorter 50 minute periods to allow for the opportunity for more meaningful engagement to take place and to slow down the pace of a day for everyone.

Summary of Changes

- All our current S3 pupils will move into S4 on Wednesday 6 May.
- They will have 4 longer blocks of learning a day Monday – Thursday; On a Friday only the first blocks up until 12.00 would be used.

Block 1	8.45 – 10.15
Break	10.15 – 10.30
Block 2	10.30 – 12.00
Block 3	12.00 – 1.30
Lunch	1.30 – 2.10
Block 4	2.10 – 3.40

- Pupils have been added to new Teams to start on 6 May. Pupils will already have received a notification about this directly.
- Each Team has been named with the column choice at the end – eg 20-21 National Art F. This means pupils will who have this as one of their TEAMS will study Art where F appears on the timetable below.
- For pupils who chose a science, pupils should go into the TEAM they have been allocated and check the register to see which column to follow (this makes sense when you go into the science TEAM)
- Pupils will have 3 blocks of each subject per week.
- S4 pupils will follow the timetable below.

	Block 1	Break	Block 2	Block 3	Lunch	Block 4
	8.45 - 10.15	10.15 - 10.30	10.30 - 12.00	12.00 - 1.30	1.30 - 2.10	2.10 - 3.40
Monday						
National	A		C	B		D
Tuesday						
National	F		A	C		E
Wednesday						
National	E		F	D		C
Thursday						
National	D		B	F		A
Friday						
National	E		B			

Pupils Working from Home

Whilst we will actively encourage all our pupils to participate during the blocks of learning times– we do understand for some of our pupils this may not always be possible. Materials will be available on each class Team for pupils to access out with the block of learning time.

Course Choice Changes

We actively encourage all our pupils to stand by their course choice decisions. However we do realise in limited circumstances an issue may arise. Please contact Miss McTiernan at clare.mctiernan@westlothian.org.uk if you have any queries. We cannot guarantee spaces will exist in all classes and therefore a change can be made. Students should not ask teachers directly to join their class – all request must come via the email address above. In addition; any pupil who has still to make a course choice should contact Miss McTiernan directly.

We cannot guarantee all courses offered at present will run once we return to school. We will keep you updated should this be the case.

Many thanks and continue to stay safe.

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Head Teacher