



**ST ALOYSIUS'  
COLLEGE**

**A GUIDE TO AT HOME  
TEACHING AND LEARNING**

**From Monday 20th April**

**SENIOR SCHOOL: S4-S6**



### **Learning for pupils in S4 and S5 from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

We are planning to start our new timetable on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April so that the current S4 begin courses chosen for S5, and the current S5 begin courses chosen for S6.

We will publish a list of all Higher, Advanced Higher and relevant National 5 courses that will run on Schoology from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Pupils must sign-up for the courses they opted for when completing their option choices. Heads of Department will review the list of course participants to ensure it matches with the information we have from the option forms.

We would normally start the new timetable in June. Starting the process in April will allow our pupils to make a good start to their S5/6 courses. It is therefore essential that pupils sign-up to the courses they intend to study in S5/6 as, when we resume 'normal' teaching, a significant volume of material will have been covered through on-line learning.

### **Can pupils study more subjects on-line than they opted for S5/6?**

Where pupils are undecided over their choices for next year (e.g. they have chosen 5 subjects for S5 study but are undecided between their 5<sup>th</sup> choice and a 6<sup>th</sup> subject they have in mind) we would strongly advise that pupils sign-up to the additional course on Schoology too. This will ensure that, when normal teaching resumes, they will not have a significant amount of catch-up to do.

Once SQA results are published on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August, the college would normally host a parent/pupil meeting with staff to discuss any timetable changes. This allows pupils to formalise their course of study for S5 or S6. We may be in a position to do this as usual, but if not we will arrange telephone/team consultations.

### **Preparing for UCAS**

Current S5 pupils have been invited to sign-up to use our new University application programme, Unifrog. Throughout April and May, a number of prompts will be given from Mrs Sciallo to ensure that pupils intending to go to University are following the Unifrog on-line instructions for researching courses, assessing entry requirements, and preparing personal statements. So far 82 students have signed up, please encourage your son/daughter to do so if they haven't yet engaged with this.

### **How will teachers keep track of pupil learning?**

From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, all pupils will be asked to submit a weekly piece of work for teacher review. This will allow teachers to check that pupils are keeping up to date with learning on-line and are understanding their work. Where there are concerns about pupils not submitting work, parents will be contacted.

Pupils are invited to contact their teachers via Schoology if they are unsure of their work or require further support.

### What about virtual teaching or face-time?

We are currently investigating on-line platforms such as MS Teams which may be useful for teacher-class contact or for running subject 'clinics' at specific times. We need to make sure we have all safeguards in place and are closely monitoring the advice being issued to schools. Current advice suggests that teachers should not be using these platforms to communicate with pupils/classes. We will update parents when we have more information about these developments.

We have also decided not to offer live timetabled lessons as we are conscious that not all families can guarantee access to IT devices for all their children at scheduled times. In addition, the flexibility afforded by non-timetabled lessons allows pupils to work on their lessons at a time of their choosing.

### Estimated grades

At the time of writing, we are still awaiting guidance from the SQA about estimated grades. As soon as we receive an update, we will write to pupils and parents to inform them of how this process will work in St Aloysius' College.

### Please stay in touch

If you have concerns about your son/daughter's learning, their ability to complete Schoology tasks, or if they are unwell and unable to keep-up with Schoology learning, please contact their head of year. Mrs Freer (current head of S4) will continue to support pupils as they move onto S5 learning on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Likewise, Mrs Piggot (current head of S5) will continue to support pupils as they move onto S6 learning. We do have access to counselling services and Mrs Erskine should be contacted if you feel there is a concern or need here.

### Useful Contacts

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### **Pupils in S6**

Although formal learning for courses has now stopped as would have always been the case regardless of school closure, we will continue to support our pupils as they prepare for their next steps in their journey post school. Mrs Sciallo, Head of Careers, is available for advice regarding all matters relating to careers and University/college applications. The pastoral team (Mrs Erskine, Mr Ferrie and Miss Lawrie) are available for advice regarding any other matters.

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*I hope what is shared above is helpful and I have valued the positive comments shared about communications. However please do keep getting in touch as we are all missing the human interaction on which the best schools thrive. I will be writing again at the end of the week with some reflections for Easter and an invitation to engage in some questions for the Head Master.*

*As always, I hope you are all keeping well and safe and I am counting the days when I can be back at the door of 45 Hill Street welcoming you to school...*

Kindest regards,

**Matthew D. Bartlett** HEAD MASTER