



Lornshill Academy

Update from the Year Heads



Friday 26th March

Respect

Integrity

Compassion

We cannot believe how fast this year is passing and it is hard to believe that we have just completed the second last week of term! As the Easter break gets closer we think it is fair to say that all members of the school community will appreciate the chance to catch their breath.

Our tracking and monitoring system, Progress, has now been updated for all students and on this system you will be able to see your child's current levels of learning as well as their next steps for improvement. You can access Progress through <https://my.didbook.com/mobile/en-gb/Login/> and if you need any assistance to login, do not hesitate to get in touch with us. Logins have also been issued to students so please encourage your child to login and have a look at what has been said if they haven't already.

We recently held a virtual parents' evening for S2 families and the feedback from this has been excellent. The overall satisfaction score rated by parents was 94% and they were super impressed at how easy the system was to use and commented upon how nice it was to see their child's teachers face to face (or webcam to webcam!) Given the success of the extended trial, as a school we will look at how we conduct parents' evenings in the future but as always, we will keep you informed of any changes we make.

Due to changes in the qualifications process this year, teaching staff in the school will be required to spend additional time on the assessment and moderation of senior coursework. To allow this to happen, the Scottish Government has directed local councils to arrange an additional two days of in-service training and for Lornshill Academy, these will take place on the 3rd and 4th June 2021. We have amended the calendar on our school website to show this.

As next week is shortened to four days because of the Good Friday holiday, the arrangements for students attending school in person have changed slightly. Information on the days and times that students will be in school can be found at <https://lornshillacademy.org.uk/> in our Digital School Bag and/or the S4-6 Timetable section.

Finally, one of our chaplains has recorded an Easter service for our students and their families. This can also be viewed on our website through the following link: https://lornshillacademy.org.uk/documents/%5B621783%5DEaster_Service_2021.pdf

We hope you have a restful weekend and please do not hesitate to get in touch should you have any questions.

Kind regards and stay safe,

The Year Heads