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Dear Parents and Students,

Every day I get messages from your teachers telling me how amazing you are, how you have embraced the challenges you have been presented with, and how you continue to inspire them with your dedication and eagerness to learn. They also tell me, and other members of our Core Leadership Team about your concerns for the future. Right now, please know that every single member of staff is doing his or her very best to ensure you achieve the success you have worked so hard for and richly deserve. We want you to succeed just as much as you do and we are doing absolutely everything we can to ensure your success. Please be reassured that you are not alone and you have our full support.

We are currently waiting for guidance from CCEA on how they will determine final grades for Y12 and Y14 students and we are in regular contact with them to guarantee we receive the latest information for you. One thing is clear, they are totally committed to ensuring you are not disadvantaged in any way. Their message is clear and that is, they want to get this right for you and this is why they have not rushed out any guidance.

CCEA have stated that they want to “Ensure that candidates receive fair results.” and “we will work with other awarding organisations so our approaches are similar”. If you are a Y14 or a Y12 student, you can take comfort from this.

We have been advised by CCEA that all work on GCSE and A Level controlled assessment and coursework should be discontinued for all students in Year 11, 12, 13 and 14. CCEA have not as yet provided guidance on how students grades will be calculated but please be assured that as soon as that information becomes available, we will share that with you.

Other exams boards such as OCR, OCN, AQA, Edexcel and Eduqas (WJEC) have not as yet provided guidance regarding the completion of coursework and controlled assessment. So, in the meantime, until we hear otherwise, we will continue working with students on this. We have created a table below to highlight to students and parents what students should currently be working on for each subject according to the information that we have at present. We hope that this clarifies any issues.

GCSE

<u>Year 11</u>	<u>Year 11</u>	<u>Year 11</u>
<u>Subject</u>	<u>Exam Board</u>	<u>Guidance</u>
Art & Design	CCEA	Continue with Uni1 B portfolio work and tasks set on Google Classroom.
BCS	CCEA	Continue with tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Business Studies	CCEA	Continue with tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Cambridge Nationals	OCR	Continue with Controlled Assessment/coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Child Development	CCEA	Continue with all tasks and work on Google Classroom including notes and past paper questions.
Drama	CCEA	Continue with work on Google Classroom.
Digital Technology	CCEA	Continue with submission of tasks and revision on Google Classroom.
English	CCEA	Continue with tasks and work on Google Classroom.
English Literature	CCEA	Continue with tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Engineering	CCEA	Continue with tasks set on Google Classroom.
Film Studies	WJEC	Continue with Controlled Assessment/coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Geography	CCEA	Continue with past paper questions.
Food & Nutrition	CCEA	Continue with all tasks and work on Google Classroom.
History	CCEA	Continue with tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Languages	CCEA	Continue with tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Languages OCN	OCN	Continue coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
LLW	CCEA	Continue with tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Maths	CCEA	Continue with tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Motor Vehicle Studies	CCEA	Continue with tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Moving Image Arts	CCEA	Continue with tasks and work on Google Classroom.
OCN ICT	OCN	Continue with coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.

Personal Success & Well-Being OCN	OCN	Continue with coursework asks and work on Google Classroom.
Physics/Chemistry/Biology	CCEA	Continue with tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Princes' Trust Achieve	Princes' Trust	Continue with booklet set on Google Classroom.
RE	CCEA	Continue tasks and work on Google Classroom.
RE OCN	OCN	Continue coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Science Core	CCEA	Continue tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Science Double Award	CCEA	Continue tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Science OCN	OCN	Continue coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Sport BTec	Edexcel	Continue coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
T & D	CCEA	Continue with past papers and work on Google Classroom.
Music	CCEA	Continue work on Google Classroom and continue to work toward performance.

<u>Year 12</u>	<u>Year 12</u>	<u>Year 12</u>
<u>Subject</u>	<u>Exam Board</u>	<u>Guidance</u>
Art & Design	CCEA	Stop all Unit 1 and 2 work but keep portfolio work safe for submission at a later date. Continue with tasks set on Google Classroom.
BCS	CCEA	Continue with work on Google Classroom.
Cambridge Nationals ICT	OCR	Continue with coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Child Development	CCEA	Continue to work on past paper questions as set on Google Classroom
Drama	CCEA	Continue with work on Google Classroom.
English	CCEA	Continue with work on Google Classroom.
English Literature	CCEA	Continue with work on Google Classroom.
Film Studies	WJEC/ Eduqas	Continue with work on Google Classroom.
Geography	CCEA	Continue with past paper questions.
Food and Nutrition	CCEA	Continue to work on past paper questions as set on Google Classroom

History	CCEA	Continue with work on Google Classroom.
Hospitality (BTEC)	Edexcel	Course is complete for all students
Languages	CCEA	Continue with work on Google Classroom.
Languages OCN	OCN	Continue with coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom. If you have been entered for OCN Spanish or French then it is vital you liaise with your language teacher and complete the tasks accordingly.
LLW	CCEA	Continue with tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Maths	CCEA	Continue with work on Google Classroom.
Motor Vehicle Studies	CCEA	Continue with work on Google Classroom.
OCN ICT	OCN	Continue with coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Personal Success & Well Being OCN	OCN	Continue with coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Physics/Chemistry/Biology	CCEA	Continue with work on Google Classroom.
Princes' Trust Achieve	CCEA	Finish the work on your To Do list. Take photos of your booklets and email these to Mr Kirkham. Complete the new booklet from Google Drive by May 1 st .
RE	CCEA	Continue with work on Google Classroom.
RE OCN	OCN	Continue with coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Science Core	CCEA	Continue with work on Google Classroom.
Science Double Award	CCEA	Continue with work on Google Classroom.
Science OCN	OCN	Continue with coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Sport BTEC	Edexcel	Continue with coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
T & D	CCEA	Continue with work on Google Classroom.
Music BTEC	Edexcel	Continue to complete controlled assessment/coursework. All units on Google Classroom.

Year 13 & 14

<u>Year 13</u>	<u>Year 13</u>	<u>Year 13</u>
<u>Subject</u>	<u>Exam Board</u>	<u>Guidance</u>
Art & Design	CCEA	Stop all Unit 1 & 2 work but keep all portfolio work safe for submission at a later date. Continue with tasks set on Google Classroom.
Business -BTEC	Edexcel	Continue with coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
English	AQA	Continue with coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Geography	CCEA	Continue with work on Google Classroom and past paper questions
Health and Social Care	CCEA	Continue to work on past papers and reading materials set on Google Classroom in prep for Yr14
History	CCEA	Continue with tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Cambridge Technicals ICT	OCR	Continue with coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Media Studies	WJEC/ Eduqas	Continue with tasks and work on Google Classroom.
RE	CCEA	Continue with tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Health and Life Science	CCEA	Continue with tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Public Services - BTEC	Edexcel	Continue with coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Travel & Tourism - BTEC	Edexcel	Continue with coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Sport BTEC (SERC)	Edexcel	Continue with coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Biology (Glenlola)	CCEA	Continue with coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Music (BGS)	CCEA	Continue with tasks and work on Google Classroom.

<u>Year 14</u>	<u>Year 14</u>	<u>Year 14</u>
<u>Subject</u>	<u>Exam Board</u>	<u>Guidance</u>

Art & Design	CCEA	Stop all Unit 1 & 2 work but keep all portfolio work safe for submission at a later date.
Business Studies -BTEC	Edexcel	Continue with coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Performing Arts	CCEA	Continue with work on Google Classroom.
English	AQA	Continue with coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Geography	CCEA	N/A
Health and Social Care	CCEA	Continue with work on Google Classroom.
History	CCEA	Continue with work on Google Classroom.
Cambridge Technicals ICT	OCR	Continue with coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Media Studies	WJEC/ Eduqas	Continue with coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
RE	CCEA	Continue with all work/tasks set on Google Classroom.
Health and Life Science	CCEA	Continue with work on Google Classroom.
Public Services BTEC	Edexcel	Continue with coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
Travel & Tourism BTEC	Edexcel	Continue with coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
T & D	Edexcel	Continue with work on Google Classroom.
BTec Engineering (SERC)	Edexcel	Continue with coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
BTec Sport (SERC)	Edexcel	Continue with coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.
OCN ICT	OCN	Continue with coursework tasks and work on Google Classroom.

You have asked your teachers why you should continue to study. We would say you should continue to study because you are near the end of your courses and you are close to achieving what you set out to do, from your first day in Strangford Integrated College. You owe it to yourself to finish and when you do, you can take great pride and satisfaction from having done so in challenging circumstances. In the future, if you are ever asked what you did during these times you can say you faced the challenge head on and finished your course and maybe even went further and read around your course content to expand your knowledge. This will certainly impress any future employer, sixth form provider, further education college or university.

By finishing your course, you continue to develop the skills you will need in the future. For our Year 14 students, many university courses are delivered on-line and the skills you are developing now, are the ones which will help ensure your success in the future. For those of you wishing to pursue a career rather than university, look at the skills you can offer an employer. Many people are now working from home and they are using the skills and technology you are currently using, to run their business.

Your teachers will tell you that learning is never wasted. For Y14s in particular, what you learn now, will likely form the basis of what you will study when you get to university. Your A Levels and BTECs prepare you for university and you will be better prepared by finishing your courses.

Y12 students are in a similar position. Your GCSEs prepare you for your Post-16 education, whatever this may be, so continue to study and finish your courses. By doing so, you are laying down the foundations for your own future. We know a number of you have already approached your teachers with requests to start the Y13 work in your chosen subjects. This demonstrates remarkable foresight, dedication and motivation:- the things future employers and universities will hold you in high esteem for. Our promise to you is that we will guide you and support you, as you move forward into employment or Post-16, whether this be with us, in our Sixth Form, or elsewhere. No student will be disadvantaged.

If you are a Y13 or a Y11 student, it is essential that you continue with your studies now, because at some point our schools will open again and you will resume your courses. Your teachers are very keen to receive work from and give you continuous feedback now, to help you make progress before Yr 12. CCEA have promised to provide guidance and we need to wait for this, but it is likely you will have further exams and/or coursework. You can prepare for these by continuing to study.

There is one more reason to continue to study, irrespective of which year group you are in and that is you are changing how the students of the future will be taught. Many teachers across all schools are learning new skills along with you and many have said they will continue to use them in the future. When you continue to study and interact with your teachers you are helping them to learn, to practice their new skills, and by doing so, you are enriching the education of future students. Quite a legacy!

We are aware Y12 and Y14 students didn't get to say goodbye to their friends and teachers. We are currently working on this and we plan to have something in place for you. Something to look forward to.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff in Strangford Integrated College, I send you our best wishes and ask you to take care of yourself, take care of your families and follow the guidance on staying safe.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs L. McBride (Assistant Deputy Principal)