



An t-Eilean Sgitheanach

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Dear parents/ carers,

Things are slowly getting back to normal and we are once again able to offer some after school activities – such as study classes, sport and drama. The weekly menu of activities is displayed on our website and in daily information. We are far from where we used to be but we are moving in the right direction!

We are still unable to do Parents' evenings but hope to have something in place by summer term. Following consultation with union representatives, it has been agreed that Highland Council will proceed with a small number of schools to take part in a virtual parent engagement/evening trial. This is to make sure that the preferred system/platform works well and that there are no issues from either the schools' or parents' perspective. Once this trial has been completed further engagement with Head Teachers, parents and Unions will take place, with a decision made as to how to move forward with virtual parental engagement. The timing of this pilot means that this type of school engagement in Portree High School will probably not take place until summer term.

As always however if you have any questions then please do get in touch.

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I hope that in my next letter I will be able to give you an update on SQA arrangements in the summer term. We now have all the updated information about specific subject but still await the ACM (Alternative Certification Model). This is the guidance that will give all the details we desperately need – the verification process, a detailed timeline, key dates and support/resources for creating valid assessment tools. This delay is totally outwith the school's control.

We will hold a virtual Parent Council meeting on Wednesday 9th December at 6.30pm. We will send the code out in a text message. Please use your child's chromebook to sign in. All parents are welcome to attend this meeting.

A positive school ethos is especially important in these somewhat dark days and so we have continued with Aim Skye High awards and with competitions for S1 and S2. The winners have received their e-vouchers – well done to all of them. We are also now beginning to organise a virtual talent show which will take place on the last day of term.

Aim Skye High August - October 2020 - presented at October assemblies

Year	Bronze	Silver	Gold
S1	Isobel Adams 1T	Hector MacGregor 1G2	Willow Ferguson 1G2
S2	Anna Varwell 2G	Charlie Latton 2G	Josh Turner 2G
S3	Callie MacLean 3G	Eubha Campbell 3G	Caramarie MacCalman 3G
S4	Iona McMath 4G	Meredith Brook Young 4G	Faith Crossley 4T
S5	Tom Rees 5M	Niamh Coughlin 5T1	Molly Jamieson 5T1
S6	Alice Hook-MacDonald 6T	Mia MacGillivray 6G	Oscar MacDonald 6M

As always thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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