

**Grange Academy**

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Dear S4-6 pupils,

This is an unusual time for us all. Your teachers are very aware that because you are in the Senior Phase, you'll have particular concerns around how the situation with Covid-19 will impact on your qualifications. The key principle is to stay calm and positive. We're all in it together and the Scottish Government, SQA and East Ayrshire Council are putting your best interests at the heart of their decision-making.

*What can you do at the moment to stay in control of your progress?*

- Meet your coursework deadlines.
- Talk with your subject teachers about the elements of your exam preparation you're least confident about.
- Do all the same exam preparation you would be doing in normal circumstances. These will be all the strategies you've been discussing in class all year. In addition, the school website signposts you to some great revision strategies. These are under the 'Pupil' tab.
- Make sure your Show My Homework and Glow Log-ins are working.

*What about if you are already self-isolating?*

- Use Show My Homework to keep abreast of what is happening in class.
- If you are well, do all the same exam preparation you'd be doing under normal circumstances.
- If you are unwell, rest. Follow medical advice. Take the time to get better.
- Phone the school and ask to speak with Miss MacKinnon if you have any questions about missing coursework deadlines due to absence.

*What about if the schools eventually close?*

- Teachers will be using Show My Homework and Glow to remain in touch with you during term-time. You will be able to submit to your teachers electronically any practice papers, rehearsals or questions you have.
- We will contact you about the contingency plan for any coursework not yet submitted because the SQA deadline has not yet passed.
- We will contact you about any SQA updates regarding the exam diet.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to speak with our SQA Co-ordinator, Miss MacKinnon, your Pastoral Support teacher or the Principal Teacher of each subject.

Yours faithfully,

Mary MacKinnon  
Depute Head Teacher