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Dear Parent / Guardian

SQA Exam Results 2023

I wrote to you before the school year finished regarding this year's examination results. On Tuesday the 8th August, all pupils who sat national exams will receive their results by first class post. Those pupils who signed up to MySQA will receive their exam results by text and email.

Listed below is advice to both you and our young people to support them on receiving their results:

- Candidates will receive their certificates by first class post or electronically. Mr Cumming will be available in school on that day with other members of the SLT to deal with results queries. – **0141 577 2000**.
- **If you have a query regarding an appeal, please complete the online form using the link below. Request for a priority appeal must be submitted by Monday 14th of August, whilst all other request must be submitted by Friday 18th August. (Information regarding the appeals process is given below.)**

<https://forms.office.com/e/VEBiSTmYe3>

- The SQA have a Candidate Advice Line which will deal with general information on the layout of the SQA Certificate which is **0345 279 1000**.
- Candidates can also e-mail enquiries to results@sqa.org.uk or find general information on the SQA website at www.sqa.org.uk
- **Wednesday 9th August – 9.30 till 11.30am.** A number of Pastoral Support staff will be available to students who wish to re-negotiate their S5/6 curriculum.
- The Skills Development Scotland helpline number is **0800 917 8000**

Appeals 2023

Appeals 2023 has a different process to the one used last year as alternative assessment evidence will not be considered. This year, if you appeal your grade, a senior marker will carry out a marking review of your SQA-marked assessments.

This is not a re-mark.

A marking review checks that:

- all parts of your SQA-assessments have been marked
- the marking is in line with national standards
- the marks given for each answer have been totalled correctly and
- the correct result has been entered on our system.

Please note that after being reviewed, your result could stay the same, go up or go down.

If your child through the Examination Exceptional Circumstances Consideration Service (EECCS) they cannot use the Appeals 2023 service for the same qualification. This is because the EECCS has already included a review, by SQA senior appointees, of their assessment evidence.

Priority Appeals

An appeal can be prioritised if your child has a conditional place at university or college, or in training or employment that depends on their grade.

Before submitting a request for an appeal, you should look at the final report your child received in March as this contained each candidate's estimated grades. **(This is available on ParentPortal)** They should be compared with the results your child received. Any discrepancy between the estimated grade and the final grade may result in your child being eligible for an appeal. Further information can be found on the online leaflet which can be accessed through the link below.

https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/SQA-Appeals-2023.pdf

As we approach results day, we hope that all our young people will see the rewards for all their hardwork. If this is not the case our young people should not be disheartened, as a school community we will work together in supporting them to reach their goals.

Yours sincerely



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Head Teacher