**Shawlands Academy: SQA Information 2020**

**Advice for Students, Parents and Carers – updated 2nd April 2020**

*We understand that this is a very unexpected, difficult and stressful time for all of you so please be assured that we are doing everything we can to ensure that no young person is disadvantaged by this unprecedented situation.*

*This information may become ‘out of date’ as further updates are provided from the SQA but as of the 2nd April, it is accurate. We will amend as necessary as time goes on.*

*In the meantime, here are the details we currently know and answers to some questions we know many of you are asking:*

**Will I sit any SQA examinations this session (2019 – 2020)?**

No - all SQA examinations have been cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

**Will the SQA take into account any internal coursework I have completed?**

If you are sitting National 5 and submitted coursework prior to March 19th, then the SQA are planning to make arrangements for this to be marked

If you are sitting some National 5s, Higher, Advanced Higher and coursework was due in April or May, then the coursework will not be marked officially by SQA. This applies to the following subjects: Art & Design; Business and Administration; Design & Manufacture; Fashion & Textiles; Music; PE; Practical Cake Craft and Practical Cookery. If a subject has an internally assessed course component then the mark for this will also now not be submitted to the SQA. This applies to the following subjects: Design & Manufacture; Languages (ESOL, French, German, Italian, Spanish); PE; Practical Cake Craft; Practical Cookery; Practical Metalwork and Practical Woodwork.

**I have been working on the internal coursework, what should I do with it?**

If you can, send it to your teacher electronically. If it is a project or a model, if you can send a photograph, that would be helpful. Your teacher will be in touch with you if they need more from you. It is important to remember that they have been working with you all year on each draft of the work you have produced. Please continue to communicate with your teacher online about this.

**Will my SQA achievements be recognised this session (2019-2020)?**

Yes.

**How will my achievements be recognised?**

The SQA will use school estimates to recognise your achievements (unless you are sitting N5s and have already submitted coursework).

**How will my school decide my estimate grade?**

Schools will take into account a variety of evidence, including: classwork, coursework, progress with assignments , observations, timed assessments, prelims and any follow up prelims you may have had.

**Can I submit past papers, or anything else I have been working on, as evidence?**

As we’ve already mentioned, you should continue to work with your teachers online in order to ensure that we have robust data to support our judgements for estimating grades. Our main aim is to be fair to everyone so we cannot take individual piece of work into account which has not been completed by everyone in the class. We have lots of work and information from this year already. SQA have also been clear that no further evidence is able to be submitted.

**Will schools’ grades be checked?**

Your school knows you and your ability very well.

Their estimate grades may be subject to verification – which is a process already undertaken by the SQA. This is when your work and school judgements are measured against the National Standard. This will be happening again in the autumn.

**What if I do not agree with the grade I am awarded?**

The SQA have announced that their ‘post-results’ service, whereby students can ask for a marking review of their work, will be available for free this year. What this will involve as yet, we don’t know. Currently we are working with our colleagues across the education sector to ascertain what the process will be if parents or carers are concerned about the estimate grade entered for a students. We will update this section of our FAQs where we are clearer on this process.

**When will I receive certification for my achievements this year?**

The SQA are still fully committed to issuing results no later than August 4th, as planned.

You are encouraged to sign up for the MySQA app – so you can receive your results electronically, in case there is a problem with physically sending out certificates.

**What about my UCAS application?**

All young people applying to university at present are affected by the current situation. Please consult the UCAS website for the most up to date information and advice.

**I am leaving this year and I need support with what to do next. How can I get help with this?**

Skills Development Scotland (SDS) are still available to support you all with the next stage of your learning. This will be done via telephone, Skype or online. To speak to a Careers Adviser please call your local centre on **0141 429 1999.** Details of all our centres can be found on [My World of Work](https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/centres).

**Who do I contact if I still have a question?**

You should contact your Pastoral Care Teacher – in the first instance – or your year Head:

* Ms Rodger – [gw10rodgerkirsty@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw10rodgerkirsty@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)
* Mrs Smith – [gw07smithrhona3@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw07smithrhona3@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)
* Ms Gemmell – [gw10gemmellalison@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw10gemmellalison@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)
* Mr Alexander- [gw12alexanderscott2@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw12alexanderscott2@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)
* Mrs Warden – [gw10wardenalison@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw10wardenalison@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)
* S4 Year Head – Mr MacBride – [gw10macbridedonald@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw10macbridedonald@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)
* S5/6 Year Head – Ms McCauley – [gw10mccauleyjan@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw10mccauleyjan@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)

**Please do not contact your subject teachers directly regarding estimate grades.**

***Please be assured we are doing everything we can to help support your during this difficult time.***

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