

SQA information for S5&6 Candidates 2025

SQA candidates are responsible for arriving in good time for each examination, bringing any necessary equipment and checking notice boards for seat numbers, rooms and other information. School uniform must be worn by students attending for examinations or coming into school to study.

Mobile Phones and Smart Watches

Please ensure your child does not bring a mobile phone or smart watch to school during the exam period as if they are found to have a phone or smart watch in their possession in the exam hall it will result in them failing the exam.

Study Leave

S5 and S6

SQA candidates have permission to be on study leave inclusive of **Thursday 24th April until Friday 30th May**.

All candidates currently in S5 intending to return for next session should report on **Monday 2nd June 2025**.

School leavers

School Leavers should collect and complete a leaver's form from the school office on the day of their last exam. The completed form must be returned to the school office.

Examination Exceptional Circumstances

Sitting the exams this year is the best way for you to achieve your National Qualifications, but should that not be possible the SQA Exceptional Circumstances Service is in place to support you in the following scenarios:

- If you are unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances, such as a serious medical condition or bereavement. Please contact the school if this is the case.
- If there has been disruption at school on the day of the exam, which means the exam can't take place.

On the event of a pupil requiring exceptional circumstances, the school will submit the evidence we have to SQA so that they can make the final decision on which grade to award.

Appeals

As in any year, it is important that there is an appeal process available for learners who want to question their SQA results. This is a free service and you will be able to inform SQA directly that you want to appeal one or more of your results. Please note that an appeal can only be processed for a pupil who has achieved a result in August that is below the evidence based estimated submitted by the school and their result can go up, down or stay the same.

Additional information for SQA candidates

- Monday 5th May is a holiday with no exams scheduled that day
- Tuesday 6th May is an In-Service Day. This is the date of the Nat 5 and Adv Higher English exam. There will be no transport or catering this day.
- Friday 23rd May is a holiday with Nat 5 and Higher Modern Studies There will be no transport or catering this day.
- Monday 26th May is a holiday with Nat 5 and Higher Art and Design and Nat 5 and Higher Health and Food. There will be no transport or catering this day.
- Students can register at www.mysqa.info to have results texted/emailed to them as well as their certificates through the post. We strongly advise this. Exam results are due on Tuesday 5th August.
- Candidates may come into school before an exam if they wish to seek advice of their class teacher.

We would like to wish all SQA candidates every success and good wishes for their forthcoming exams.

Yours sincerely

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