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## 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. Below is some information to assist you and your child regarding their SQA results for this session.

## Results day is Tuesday 4 August 2020

SQA results will be sent on Tuesday 4 August, by post and via MySQA, the email and text service.

All pupils will receive their results by post regardless of whether they have signed up for the text service. Should your child not receive their results in the post they can contact the school by telephone on Tuesday or Wednesday between 10am and 12pm and a member of SLT will be on hand to help them.

## Appeals – If there are concerns about results on Tuesday 4th August

If your child is concerned with the results they receive on Tuesday 4 August, they can contact the school by telephone on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August or Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August between 10am and 12pm or when they return to school next week.

Our Faculty Heads will be receiving the results also and will be checking them against the information supplied to the SQA before the holidays.

SQA will have a free appeals service for 2020. We will first check that they are eligible to use the service and discuss the process with them. We will check that the result they received is lower than the estimated grade that we sent to SQA in May. We must also make sure that there is appropriate evidence available to support an appeal. Mr Clancy will meet with all Faculty Heads after they return to school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August and ensure that all appeal requests are with the SQA by the deadline dates which can be found on the link: <a href="https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/94420.html">https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/94420.html</a>

Priority will be given to those who are needing a result to secure a conditional place at college or university.

The appeal and all the associated assessment evidence will be reviewed by SQA's senior subject specialist examiners. They will either accept or reject the appeal based on the evidence provided.

If our appeal request is **accepted**, the result will be upgraded. If the result is required for a conditional college or university place, SQA will contact us at school and advise the higher education institute and UCAS, as appropriate. An updated Scottish Qualifications Certificate will be sent to out after all appeals for 2020 have been completed.

If our appeal request is **rejected**, SQA will confirm either the original grade on the certificate or a lower grade. This information will be sent to us at school so that we can talk to your child about it.

It is possible that a lower grade could be awarded following an appeal however, SQA expect cases of this to be very rare. Including this option supports fairness and equity to all learners, while maintaining the integrity and credibility of the qualifications.

You can find more information about 2020 Qualifications on SQA's dedicated <u>learner</u> and <u>parent and carer</u> webpages.

Yours sincerely,

Gerry Clancy Depute Headteacher