

Dear Parent/carer

SQA Update

I want to thank our young people and our families who have awaited the SQA updated statement with patience and understanding.

The SQA have updated their approach on 24th March 2020. Please read the full statement online using the following link.

<https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/93658.html>

Many young people across the Clackmannanshire secondary schools have already completed their coursework for Higher and Advanced Higher courses. Where pupils have been unable to complete coursework we will gather a range of evidence and data to ensure an accurate estimate is generated for certification.

Our staff will use a range of evidence that our learners have produced as part of the suite of evidence to inform our estimated grades. This will include a range of assessments collated throughout the session as well as other evidence which we have on your child's progress.

The SQA will provide further guidance to schools on the estimation of grades that teachers will use to inform accreditation, and fuller details of SQA's approaches to certification will be shared as soon as this has been made available.

I would ask that our senior phase learners continue with coursework at home, this is being set online by our teachers. Where students are able, I encourage our learners to access the support from teachers via digital learning means.

I encourage our teaching staff to continue the outstanding support that they have exemplified throughout this period and be creative in the way that they support and engage our learners in the Senior Phase. Until we hear further information, staff will be setting work to gather further evidence to support verification of estimates.

I realise that some young people may not be able to complete coursework due to a variety of reasons including health. We currently do not have advice on what an SQA verification process may look like, but the more current evidence we have, the more accurate a teacher estimate will be. In such circumstances we will ensure every pupil is fairly represented in terms of estimates provided.

I appreciate learners and families being patient as we wait for further guidance from the SQA.

As a school we endeavour to keep you up to date on SQA developments as I am very aware of the hard work our young people have put into their learning and the importance of the qualifications in supporting future pathways.

Yours sincerely



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