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Parent / Carer

Dear Parent / Carer

We received an update today from the SQA giving some further detail in relation to their expectations of us in making estimates for submission to the SQA this session.

The SQA aim to provide results to learners by 4 August 2020.
To do this, they are following a four-step approach.

Step 1 – Estimates

With no exams taking place this year and no feasible way for SQA to mark coursework, this means estimated grades will be the core element of certification.

Teachers and lecturers are best placed to have a strong understanding of how their learners have performed and, based on their experience and the evidence available, what a learner would be expected to achieve in each course. An estimated grade is not just the result of one prelim or one project, but is an overall judgement based on activity across the year(s).

By Friday 29 May 2020, Perth Academy will provide the SQA with estimates of the grades, bands and rank order for each learner, for each course at National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher for each SQA course.

Step 2 – Awarding

The SQA will then check and validate that information and moderate as necessary, working with presenting centres.

Step 3 - Results and Certification

The SQA will then process the results and issue learners with their individual results by 4 August. The SQA continue to strongly encourage all learners to sign-up to MySQA, the online and text service, as a direct way to receive their results.

Step 4 – Appeals

After 4 August, a free appeals service will be available to schools and colleges, to allow them to request a review of the grade awarded for a learner or a group of learners. It is important that such a service is in place in this exceptional year. Assessment evidence must be available to support an appeal and the evidence will be reviewed by senior examiners. We are expecting that the SQA will provide schools and colleges with full details of this service shortly.

Further information is available for learners, parents and carers in the Frequently Asked Questions section of the SQA website.

I trust that you find this information useful.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Lothian', written in a cursive style.

J Lothian
Rector