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Dear Parent/Carer

SQA 2022 – Update

I am writing to you with a further update regarding the SQA exam diet 2022. The Scottish Government and SQA remain in ongoing discussions with regards to this **but for now there is no change** to their original plans put in place in August 2021 – stating that SQA Examinations will take place - if safe to do so - in spring 2022. This exam diet will follow a more “normal” format but will maintain some of the modifications made last session with regards to coursework and school based assessments. This will be the case unless there is a further disruption to schools as a result of the pandemic. The SQA will make any further adjustments by the end of March 2022.

The SQA have prepared the following Blog Post for parents and carers which will help to further clarify the SQA's approach to the exam diet with considerations as a result of the ongoing Covid situation and any disruption to learners' therein.

[Blog post for parents and carers](#)

As I write this correspondence we find ourselves at the halfway point of our prelim diet and in general we are happy with how they are progressing. Pupils have prepared for and approached these formative assessments in a mature and considered fashion. This has been an invaluable experience for both our pupils and invigilation team as it has given both vital practice and a first-hand experience of how the final exams will look come May. Pupils will receive feedback on these assessments as and when departments mark them and you will receive ongoing feedback through our tracking reports for S5/6 and Parents' Evening for S4 which are both due in February. Any relevant evidence from these assessments will be added to our ongoing formative assessment of pupil progress in preparation for generating our SQA Estimates.

As always we will endeavour to keep you updated with any further changes that may come our way. In the meantime if you feel there is anything your young person needs support with or further clarification on please do not hesitate to contact the school through our general school email braeshighschool@falkirk.gov.uk

Once again, can we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support for both your child and the school during these times.

Kind regards

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