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Children's Services

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Dear parent/carers

SQA Exams 2022

As you will be aware, the 2022 SQA exam diet will commence on Tuesday 26th April with the final exam taking place on Wednesday 1st June. Since August 2021 the SQA have made modifications to courses and provided support documentation to candidates and teachers to mitigate the impact of COVID -19 on learning and teaching. Pupils will receive the results of their SQA exams on Tuesday 9th August 2022.

Pupil Estimates

Every year schools are asked to submit estimate grades to indicate a young person's expected attainment. Teaching staff use a range of assessment evidence gathered across the academic year to generate an overall grade estimation based on individual pupil performance. It is essential that these estimate grades are based on evidenced attainment and provide a realistic prediction of a pupil's expected achievement. To ensure fair estimates are submitted, teachers have been undertaking moderation activities to validate final estimates. This involves working with other teachers both within school settings and throughout the wider authority to ensure fair and valid assessment judgements are being made.

Each school will communicate pupil estimates to the pupil in advance of the SQA estimate submission deadline. Should you have any further questions on this process you should contact your child's school directly.

Exam Exceptional Circumstances Consideration Service

The Exam Exceptional Circumstances Consideration Service has been developed to support pupils who are either:

- Unable to attend the exam or have been prevented from sitting the exam due to a personal circumstance out with their control

Or

- Affected during the exam by a disruption or other circumstance as reported by the Chief Invigilator

This service is only available for exams that appear on the SQA exam timetable; pupils have completed all non-exam based components; an estimate has been submitted; further evidence meeting the estimate standard is available for review.

The Exam Exceptional Circumstance service is a free service and schools must submit requests within 10 working days of the exam date. SQA are unable to process requests from pupils or parents.

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Appeals – Post-certification

The appeals process will allow any pupil who achieves a lower grade than their estimate to request an exam appeal. Pupils will be able to submit an appeal request through the SQA online portal and should discuss this request with their school at their earliest convenience. Schools will be required to submit evidence to support the appeal request post-certification.

Any pupil who has utilised the Exam Exceptional Circumstance Consideration will be unable to appeal for that subject as all additional assessment will have already been considered. This is a free service and the final decision to appeal will rest with the pupil.

Further information regarding the appeals process can be found at <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/100519.html>.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Naylor
Director of Children's Services

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