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Dear Parent/Carer

### SQA 2022 – Further Update

You will be aware of the ever changing landscape we find ourselves in with regards to the emergence of the new Omicron variant. We are aware that the SQA are in ongoing discussions with regards to the exam diet 2022 **but that 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 written a message to all parents/carers which can be found through the following link... [a message for parents and carers](#) this will help to further clarify the approach to awarding in 2021-22 and includes a copy of the Exam Timetable 2022.

As you will also be aware through our previous communications it has been our intention to deliver a prelim diet this session to take place over several weeks beginning in January 2022. We feel that it is important that we prepare our pupils for any eventuality moving forwards but importantly to give our pupils a preparation experience of the final exam process through a prelim diet. This will allow pupils to experience the process they will face come May. However as also previously stated we need to maintain flexibility with regards to how these prelims will be delivered - we have made a few changes to our normal approach with these, notably in having less pupils in our exam halls and utilising more classrooms for delivery.

If the situation dictates then we may well move to a prelim diet which will be delivered during class time in existing class sets (pupils with additional arrangements will follow the plan already in place).

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](mailto: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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