

## **Braes High School**

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to update you about our SQA procedures moving forward and future consultations within this area. Firstly, I must make it clear that we are still awaiting further information from the Scottish Government and the SQA with regards to deadlines, evidence collection and future circumstances with regards to home learning. Due to this, I cannot at this time confirm specific dates and timelines. However, this has not stopped the staff at Braes High from developing a number of approaches/plans for a variety of scenarios that may occur. You will be familiar with this work as it has been ongoing from the summer and you will have seen from numerous communications our adapted approaches to the SQA as the year has progressed. What has never changed is our clear aim to ensure all pupils are supported in every subject to achieve the highest level of success possible.

With all this in mind, attached to this letter is our alternative certification policy. This document provides an overview of how we will approach certification this year in the absence of formal exam diets. It provides further information on a number of other areas including, communication, awarding of provisional results, evidence collection, study supports and health and well-being/managing stress advice. This policy has also been issued to staff and will be sign posted for our pupils in the pupil communication attached to this letter. This policy ensures as a school community we have a clear vision of how to achieve success in a consistent manner. As stated earlier some of this information will be subject to change upon receiving further guidance and once it is received, a new timeline of our approach will be provided along with any other relevant updates.

As part of our ongoing SQA process, I will be continuing to consult a range of members from our school community to provide feedback on our approaches and plans. As we move forward and as information becomes clearer over the next few weeks we will continue this with a range of consultations including school captain focus groups, senior pupil focus groups, parent council consultation and parental questionnaires. We will also be issuing further whole school communications as soon as details are confirmed with regards to national SQA approaches.

In the meantime please feel free to contact me at – [kevin.smith@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:kevin.smith@falkirk.gov.uk) if you have any questions, concerns or feedback with regards to SQA and the approaches we are taking this year at Braes High School.

Finally, I would like to close by reminding all pupils and parents what does not change regardless of the situation or further information provided is that appropriate evidence will still be gathered by teacher and departments. Therefore all pupils should ensure they are engaging as fully as possible with online learning, completing all tasks set by the teacher and asking for support as soon as it is required. Regardless of what happens at a national level moving forward, our whole school community is fully prepared to have a robust and equitable system in place which will ensure all pupils have the highest chance of success.

Kind Regards

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