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Dear Parent/Carer/Pupil

SQA Exam Result Day: Tuesday 06th August 2024

Results day can be an emotional time; we hope your results reflect the work that was put in and you get what you had hoped for. Please do remember however, that if your results are not as you had hoped, there are still options available to you and there is indeed no wrong path!

The SQA have published details for learners about what to expect on results day and the supports available. A printed copy of this booklet will be delivered with results certificates but an electronic version can be found online here: Your Results - what you need to know about SQA results, certificates and appeals.

1. MySQA

Pupils have been reminded continuously to sign up to MySQA. Through this account, pupils can opt to receive SQA exam results by text or email. Pupils have also been reminded to check their personal details are correct (eg home address for certificate delivery). If any personal details are still not correct, please email the school with updated information.

2. SQA Results Day

SQA results will be issued on Tuesday August o6th. For pupils who are returning to school, any queries you may have will be addressed when term starts on Tuesday 20th August. For pupils who are relying on their results for University, College, or Employment places, and you did not get the grades you were needing, please see Section 3 below.

3. SQA Appeals Service: https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/79049.html

There are two types of Appeals – Priority and Non-Priority Appeals.

Priority Appeals: where an appeal of a grade is needed in order to meet the entry requirements for university or college.

You can register that you wish to make a priority appeal with SQA until Tuesday 13th August through Learner Direct (https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/79049.html). But if you were to miss this date, the school can submit an appeal for you until Wednesday 21st August.







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Priority Appeals Form:

https://forms.office.com/e/Ze2LLXjCky

Non-priority appeals: pupils have until Tuesday 27th August 2024 to submit a non-priority appeal. This decision should be discussed with subject teachers and Guidance staff during the first week back (please see Section 5 below). **The school will not deal with non-priority appeal enquiries prior to students' return to school on Tuesday, 20th August.** Please do not contact the school about these before this date because the school must concentrate its resources on priority appeals during the holiday period.

4. Skills Development Scotland (SDS)

Results Helpline – The SDS Results Helpline will be available to offer advice and support to all candidates across Scotland, receiving results on Tuesday o6th August. The Helpline – **0808 100 8000** – will be open from 8am-8pm on the Tuesday and Wednesday and then from 9am-5pm on Thursday o8th and Friday o9th August. More information at this web link here.

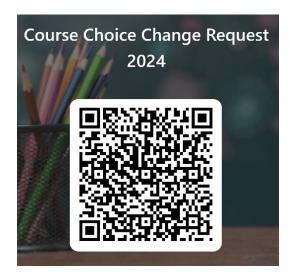
5. Returning pupils and course changes

For pupils returning to school that need to discuss an appeal and/or a possible course change due to exam

We understand that sometimes results don't go as planned, and a small number of young people may want to make changes to their current timetable as a result of this. If your young person would like to request a change of their current timetable, they should complete the Course Choice Change Request form that can be accessed via the QR code below. The deadline for completion will be **Friday 16th of August** (please note this is the Friday **before** the return to school). The information will then be shared with your young person's Guidance teacher who will then liaise with your young person about possible changes. Please note, all young people should **continue to attend their current timetable until changes have been finalised, and they have been given a new timetable.**

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results received, information about how and when this can be done has been shared in an assembly yesterday and will be revisited on the first day back.









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We appreciate that the results period can be a stressful time for pupils; hopefully the information in this letter will allow our young adults and their families to deal with queries in the appropriate way. The school will, as always, respond as swiftly as we can to these queries but please be aware that the priority appeals process lies within the summer holidays for staff and only a handful of staff will be available in school or online at this time.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our young people a relaxing holiday and that they get the results they had hoped for in their exams. To those who are leaving school, the best of luck in whatever is next in your journey, and to those who are returning to school – I look forward to welcoming you back for another senior year.

Yours sincerely

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