



8<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

**SQA Alternative Certification Model Update**

Following on from Mr Asher's letter regarding the delayed change of timetable, we can now give more clarity about how students will receive their SQA predicted grades. All students will receive an email to their school glow email address on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June, shortly after 3.30pm. This email will contain all of the predicted grades that have been generated by the school and a letter from the Head of Education, Jim Brown. An SQA certificate will follow on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021 by Royal Mail and grades will only alter if there has been an administrative error. We are aware that this will be another point in time when many of our students will feel anxious and worried, either before or after predicted grades have been released. The time and delivery method has been agreed throughout Dumfries and Galloway to allow for consistency, and to allow schools to provide a support network in the following days. If your child needs to talk to anyone after they receive their predicted grades, please get in touch with their pupil support teacher or a member of SMT who will happily support both yourself and your child at this time.

Once predicted grades have been released, we are aware that students may wish to change subjects that they had selected for their timetable, and this can start to take place from Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Opting to alter subjects on a student's timetable occurs every year after results, and this year will be no different after predicted results are released. If a student wishes to discuss any changes, they should place their name on a list held in the library and we will speak with them in due course. Until discussions have taken place, or changes are made, students should continue to follow their current timetable and attend all classes. Changes will continue for a short time on our return after the Summer holidays in August.

You may have already received communication from SQA regarding their Appeals system this year. If you haven't, this is coming directly from SQA to each student. All details can be found at [Appeals 2021 - Information for learners - SQA](#) and students should ensure that they have read through the information and understand how to use the system if they need too.

This has been, and still is, an extremely challenging year for students, parents and staff for a variety of reasons but specifically for those in S4-6 going through the SQA Alternative Certification Model. Thank you for all of your ongoing support throughout, and together we will continue to support our young people as this system progresses and evolves.

Yours faithfully,

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