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### **Estimate Grades and Awarding 2022**

Dear Parent/Carer,

The third and final Tracking report for your child's progress in SQA courses has been issued today – providing an update on progress since the February report.

As a reminder, here is an explanation of what the different columns mean:

- **target grade** – the target agreed to aim for, for the final exam.
- **working grade** – the grade achieved to date, taking into account all assessments. This is the estimate grade we will submit to the SQA (please read below for a full explanation)
- **effort, behaviour, homework rating**

The SQA Examination Diet will begin on Tuesday 26th April 2022. For all young people and schools across Scotland this will be the first time for SQA examinations to take place in schools since April 2019. The performance on the day of the examination, along with any coursework submitted to the SQA will form the results our young people will receive, from the SQA, on Tuesday 9th August 2022.

#### **Estimate Grades**

All schools are required to submit estimate grades to SQA before the start of the Examination Diet. This happens every year. In the last 2 years, estimate grades have also assisted the SQA to determine the grades awarded to our young people. This year estimate grades submitted to SQA will not guarantee certification at that level.

Estimate grades are based on demonstrated attainment that teachers have gathered in school. The estimate grades have been generated from planned assessments, prelims and/or class tests that reflect the demand, challenge, and breadth of the SQA exam.

Throughout this session, our young people have been engaging in regular learner conversations with their class teachers and school leadership teams. Furthermore, all schools have issued tracking reports to keep parents/carers informed of progress. Estimate grades should not come as a surprise at this stage.

SQA have published information stating that all young people will be informed of their estimate grades in school before the beginning of the SQA Examination Diet. Your son/daughter will know these already and will have had a chance in school to discuss their estimate grades with their class teachers. In a very few subjects (your son/daughter will know which these are), folio work is still being completed, which may still affect the final estimate we submit to SQA but pupils will know what this is before we send it.

#### **Awarding final grades and appeals 2022**

Due to the challenges young people have faced over this year, SQA have introduced an Appeals Service. Through the 2022 appeals service, a young person who achieves a lower grade than their estimate can request an appeal. Further information on this service can be found on SQA website, Awarding 2022 - Exceptional circumstances/appeals – SQA

### **Preparation for examinations**

As we are now only a matter of weeks away from the exam diet getting underway, it's even more important that pupils are making best use of study time to prepare to get the best possible grade. Along with the first tracking report we included a **Study Booklet** - this included useful websites that can be accessed to help with revision and exam technique from across different subject areas. A copy is available on the school website (Information for Parents > Documents). We are running Easter School this year – a voluntary programme, offered by many of our teachers to allow pupils extra support and preparation this year. We will also run subject seminars at each level prior to the final exam itself.

### **Return of materials**

Once pupils have completed their courses and exams we would be very grateful if you can remind your child to return any resources that the school has loaned – this is likely to be text books, but may include other booklets or equipment. It is important that we receive these resources back as soon as possible, and definitely by the end of May, to allow other students that will be starting SQA courses to make use of these.

We hope you find the information contained in the final report useful in helping support your child to prepare for and during the exam diet. We wish our pupils every success in these exams.

<https://forms.office.com/r/3cTYvNLMQw>

Yours sincerely,



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