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Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: End of National Qualification Courses, Change of timetable and arrangements for sharing provisional SQA results.

I write to update you on a number of areas related to the Alternative Certification Model for SQA Courses this session. All schools must submit 'provisional results' to the SQA by 25th June to ensure young people are certificated in August. This date impacts on when the courses will formally finish and when the new courses for 2021-2022 commence.

Tracking & Monitoring Reports

The final tracking reports for S4 to S6 students will be issued week commencing the 17th of May. These reports will include:

- **Working grades** which estimate students' progress and currently available assessment evidence.
- **Action Plan Comments** – How young people can take action to support their progress towards a successful outcome in the remaining weeks of the course.

Please note – Working grades in reports are estimates based on assessment evidence which has been generated up to this point in the course. Further evidence of 'demonstrated attainment' in course assessments will be required to determine 'provisional results' which are required by the SQA according to the Alternative Certification Model. Final 'provisional results' could be lower or higher than those estimated as 'Working Grades'.

End of National Qualification courses

Quality assurance procedures will take place in the school and local authority to ensure 'provisional results' are correct for all pupils. These procedures mean that we have scheduled for almost all assessments to be completed by the 3rd of June.

Some pupils may still be required in school for assessments beyond this date to complete assessment where this is still required. The week of the 7th - 11th June will be used to complete any final assessments and coursework which may be required for specific groups of pupils.

Where young people have completed all assessments prior to the 3rd of June pupils may be advised that they do not need to attend school, but they must remain available for any further assessment if required.

Start of new courses for 2021-2022

In the week beginning the 31st May there will be the opportunity for online Induction Sessions for current S4 and S5 pupils who are returning to school – further information will be made available nearer to this date.

The new timetable will start on Monday 14th June with all pupils moving up one year and new courses starting, including courses towards qualifications in 2022.

Sharing ‘Provisional Results’

Young people who have been studying for National Qualifications will, through their teachers, be made aware of their level of working and what they need to do to improve during class time.

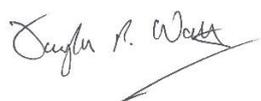
Once young people have completed the full range of assessments required to generate evidence of demonstrated attainment teachers will mark and moderate the work completed to determine a ‘provisional result’.

Moderation at subject and faculty level will be supplemented by the senior leadership in the school and by the local authority. Once these checks have been completed the school will issue ‘provisional results’ to our young people in the week beginning 14th June.

Final SQA Results

As in previous years, the SQA will issue certificates on Tuesday August 10th 2021. Young people can also sign up to the results service to receive their results via email and/or text message. To sign up young people can go to www.mysqa.org.uk - they will need their Scottish Candidate Number (available from school).

Yours sincerely,



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