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Mrs Claire McGonigal, Headteacher

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

SQA Results Day and Appeals Procedure

Congratulations to all of our hard working pupils on a successful exam diet 2022. It was a particularly testing year for our young people, following the impact of lockdown on learning and teaching with the exams being the first time any of our Senior Phase pupils had sat final exams. They worked incredibly hard throughout the year and will hopefully receive their rewards, come results day.

Results Day this year is **Tuesday 9 August**. Pupils will receive their certificate that day and, if they signed up for MySQA, the results will also arrive by text or email that morning.

If Results are not as expected, there is an appeals procedure which pupils could potentially use. Information is posted on the SQA website and can be found [here](#) but the key points are as follows.

- If your final grade is lower than the estimate the school sent (emailed home at the start of May) to SQA, you may be able to make an appeal directly to SQA.
- Although appeals can be triggered directly by pupils/parents, we ask that you contact the school to discuss the discrepancy between your estimate and your final grade to determine whether the estimated grade and supporting evidence support an appeals request.
- The school will also be analysing final grades to look for any potential appeals, but would never act without speaking to pupils and parents/guardians beforehand.
- If an appeal is submitted, the school would package up as much strong evidence of pupil work from across the year (prelims, class assessments, coursework, etc that replicates the full course content and skills) which shows the level of work that created the Estimate.
- SQA will carry out a clerical check of your exam script and any assignments to look for any errors in the exam script marking.
- SQA appointees will then review the extra evidence sent by the school to decide your final grade.
- Pupils will be awarded the higher of the two grades - the exam or extra evidence sent by the school.
- There are a few occasions when an Appeal would not be allowed.
 - Pupils can only appeal if they have submitted all coursework and formal assessments, including exams.
 - At least one component of the course assessment must be marked by SQA - there are a few courses completely marked internally.
 - Any pupil who has already used the Examination Exceptional Circumstances Consideration Service (EECCS) for that course.

The technical details of how pupils can request an appeal directly via Learner Direct have not been published yet, but the details will be via www.sqa.org.uk though can we remind you to please contact the school to discuss any requests.

Deadline for submitting **Priority Appeals** via Learner Direct is **16 August 2022**. This is for pupils who need to hear the result of an appeal for University, College or a job application. In other words, they have a “conditional” offer. SQA will issue results for priority appeals to the school on 5 September and confirm any such changes to UCAS by 6 September. Replacement certificates will be issued to learners mid-November 2022.

Pupils return to school on 16 August and although staff return the day before, can we ask Priority Appeal pupils to contact Mr Ross and the school’s central email account as soon as possible after receiving results if they wish to consider an Appeal. Please include “Priority Appeal” in the subject and state full pupil name, subject for appeal, estimate grade and certificated grade within the email along with any other comments you feel are necessary:

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For **non-Priority Appeals** for pupils continuing at school or who do not have an urgent deadline for appeal results, the deadline for submitting appeals via Learners Direct is **30 August**. SQA will aim to issue these results by the end October with replacement certificates issued to learners by mid-November. Because the deadline is after the school returns from Summer holidays, the deadlines are less urgent and can be dealt with when everyone is back in the building.

Yours faithfully



Claire McGonigal
Headteacher