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Dear Parent / Carer

SQA Examinations 2022

I'm writing to you to update you on several issues regarding the upcoming SQA Exams due to be held from **Tuesday 26 April 2022 to Wednesday 01 June 2022**.

The Scottish Government and SQA recently advised that they were moving to Scenario B in terms of assessments this year, what this means is that there is every intention to hold a full exam diet in 2022, with some modifications to the content of certain exam papers and revision materials being published by the SQA, therefore we need to consider appropriate steps to support you and our learners through this process.

Exam Leave Tuesday 26th April to Friday 27th May 2022

All learners in S4, S5 and S6 can study at home for the dates as above. I appreciate that we have some learners who will have an exam on Tuesday 26th April, and they can stay at home the day before the exam to revise. Similarly, some learners may have an exam on Mon 30th, Tues 31st May and Wed 1st June and they too are allowed to stay at home the day before that exam and on the actual day of the exam.

Learners will be welcome to come to school to study during these dates and it is our intention that their class teachers will be available to help and support them with their revision work and any queries they may have. I would however advise that learners check with their teachers through our online classrooms regarding their availability.

Exam Practice

We appreciate that for all our learners this will be the first time they have sat formal SQA exams and full-length exam papers. Due to many constraints, we are unable to facilitate practice for this within school and would recommend that all learners attempt full length past paper exams at home as part of their preparation.

Exam Timetable

At the end of this letter, you will find details of Fraserburgh Academy's Exam Timetable 2022.

For some time now, learners have been able to access a version of this timetable through the SQA website, but I would advise that although our exams will be on the days as advertised by the SQA, I have had to change the times of some exams to fit in with our school day.

Exams that have had their times changed are clearly marked and I would advise that all learners check and are aware of the exact times of their exams. If in any doubt I would advise that learners check exam times with their class teacher.

Additional Assessment Arrangements

Some learners may be allocated Additional Assessment Arrangements dependent on their own personal circumstances. These arrangements are designed to ensure all learners have equal and fair access to exams allowing them to show their academic ability. This process is administered through our Additional Support for Learners Faculty and if your child is to receive such support, you will this week receive a letter emailed direct from them.

Please ensure that your child is aware of what support has been put in place for them.

Learner Conversations

After our second round of assessments, we analysed each learners results and identified learners who have not reached their target grades, or their assessment results would indicate a drop in SQA grade if the same level was achieved in the final exam.

Class teachers, Guidance Staff and Support staff are working with our learners discussing assessment results and suggesting strategies to try and improve their performance and I would ask that you review the recent tracking report issued to our learners and discuss progress, and support your child moving forward to improve their grades if appropriate.

Change of Presentation

Unfortunately, at this time of year we do find that some learners are in our professional opinion entered for the wrong course level and therefore we make recommendations to change these course levels. This can happen for several reasons, but in our opinion, these recommendations give your child the best opportunity of success in this course and may be a recommendation to reduce the course level or change the entry to stand alone units instead of entry for the full course award.

However, in some circumstances we may recommend complete withdrawal as there is no alternative course available for your child to study at this time. We have almost completed this process and our Guidance staff have already contacted the parents / carers of those learners involved either directly by phone or by email to notify you of our concerns.

Estimate Grades

This year, like all others, we are to submit learners estimate grades to the SQA, the deadline for this being Thurs 21 April 2022. This estimate grade may be considered by the SQA in the event of a learner appeal and or an Exam Exceptional Circumstances Consideration and will be based on demonstrated attainment, this coming from appropriate SQA assessments completed in school under SQA standards. Learners will be made aware of these estimate grades through a tracking report which will be available from 21.04.22

Study and Help clubs and other Study Resources

School Faculties advertise their study and support sessions through social media and on school display screens and I would advise learners to check these outlets as well as asking class teachers for information as to when support sessions are scheduled.

This session we are also publicising Easter Holiday revision sessions through Study Support Webinars, details of which was sent to all senior learners and their parents / carers last week and I include the link again below for your information.

<https://wke.lt/w/s/RKbl2N>

SQA Support Materials

This year the SQA have made significant modifications to many of their courses and recently published guidance on these modifications along with details of their revision support materials.

These materials differ from subject to subject therefore please find below a link to these details contained within the SQA website.

[Modifications and revision support 2022 - table- SQA](#)

As per the SQA's own advice, I would recommend that in the first instances you child discusses their revision and course exam details with their class teacher.

The SQA website is an invaluable source of past papers, exam technique guidance and other support materials and I would recommend that your child accesses this site using the link below

[Exams and results - National 4-5, Higher and Advanced Higher - SQA](#)

The SQA have also just published a booklet which will soon arrive in school and will be available for all learners regarding all aspects of this year's exam diet. Learners can download a copy of the booklet by using the link below.

[Your Exams 2022 - SQA](#)

At Fraserburgh Academy, we all appreciate how difficult it has been over the past few years not only in school but also in society for our learners, and also for you as parents and carers and whilst I accept that there is a lot of information contained within this letter it is important that we support all in our school community by giving as much information as possible and allowing time to consider and reflect on the information and should you wish to discuss any issues contained within this letter then please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's Guidance Teacher here at the Academy.

Yours sincerely

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Fraserburgh Academy SQA Exam Timetable 2022

Assessment times marked in bold and prefixed with * have been moved to suit Fraserburgh Academy times and are different to published SQA timetable.			
Tuesday 26 April			
Morning			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Politics	Higher	Paper 1	09:00 - 10:45
Politics	Higher	Paper 2	11:15 - 12:30
Wednesday 27 April			
Morning			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Geography	Higher	Physical and Human Environments	09:00 - 10:50
Geography	Higher	Global Issues and Geographical Skills	11:20 - 12:10
Geography	Advanced Higher		09:00 - 11:30
Afternoon			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Geography	National 5		13:00 - 15:05
Thursday 28 April			
Morning			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Photography	Higher		09:00 - 10:00
Afternoon			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Physical Education	Higher		*12:30 - 15:00
Friday 29 April			
Morning			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Chemistry	Higher	Paper 1 Multiple Choice	09:00 - 09:40
Chemistry	Higher	Paper 2	10:10 - 12:30
Chemistry	Advanced Higher		09:00 - 12:00
Afternoon			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Chemistry	National 5		*12:30 - 15:00
Monday 02 May			
No Exams Bank Holiday			

Tuesday 03 May			
Morning			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
French	Higher	Reading and Directed Writing	09:00 - 11:00
French	Higher	Listening	*12:00 - 12:30 (approx)
Afternoon			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
French	National 5	Reading and Writing	*12:30 - 14:00
French	National 5	Listening	*14:45 - 15:15 (approx)
Wednesday 04 May			
Morning			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Mathematics	National 5	Paper 1 Non-calculator	09:00 - 10:00
Mathematics	National 5	Paper 2	10:30 - 12:00
Applications of Mathematics	Higher		09:00 - 11:05
Thursday 05 May			
Morning			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Modern Studies	Higher	Paper 1	09:00 - 10:45
Modern Studies	Higher	Paper 2	11:15 - 12:30
Modern Studies	Advanced Higher		09:00 - 12:00
Afternoon			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Modern Studies	National 5		*12:30 - 14:50
Friday 06 May			
Morning			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Mathematics	Higher	Paper 1 Non-calculator	09:00 - 10:15
Mathematics	Higher	Paper 2	10:45 - 12:15
Mathematics	Advanced Higher	Paper 1 Non-calculator	09:00 - 10:00
Mathematics	Advanced Higher	Paper 2	10:30 - 12:30
Applications of Mathematics	National 5	Paper 1 Non-calculator	09:00 - 09:50
Applications of Mathematics	National 5	Paper 2	10:20 - 12:00

Afternoon			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Administration and IT	National 5		13:30 - 15:00
Administration and IT	Higher		13:30 - 15:00
Monday 09 May			
Morning			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Music	Higher		09:00 - 10:00
Music	National 5		11:30 - 12:15
Afternoon			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Music	Advanced Higher		13:00 - 14:15 (approx)
Tuesday 10 May			
Afternoon			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Psychology	Higher		13:00 - 15:00
Wednesday 11 May			
Morning			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
English	Higher	Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation	09:00 - 10:30
English	Higher	Critical Reading	11:00 - 12:30
Thursday 12 May			
Morning			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
English	National 5	Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation	09:00 - 10:00
English	National 5	Critical Reading	10:30 - 12:00
Afternoon			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
English	Advanced Higher	Literary Study	*11:30 - 13:00
English	Advanced Higher	Textual Analysis	*13:30 - 15:00
Note: Advanced Higher English Folios should be submitted on the day of the exam.			

Friday 13 May			
Morning			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Physics	Higher	Paper 1 Multiple Choice	09:00 - 09:45
Physics	Higher	Paper 2	10:15 - 12:30
Physics	Advanced Higher		09:00 - 12:00
Afternoon			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Physics	National 5		*12:30 - 15:00
Monday 16 May			
Morning			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies	National 5		09:00 - 11:20
Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies	Higher	World Religion, Morality and Belief	09:00 - 11:15
Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies	Higher	Religious and Philosophical Questions	*12:15 - 13:00
Afternoon			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Dance	National 5		13:00 - 14:00
Dance	Higher		13:00 - 15:00
Graphic Communication	National 5		13:00 - 14:30
Graphic Communication	Higher		13:15 - 15:15
Graphic Communication	Advanced Higher		13:15 - 15:15
Tuesday 17 May			
Afternoon			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Spanish	National 5	Reading and Writing	*12:30 - 14:00
Spanish	National 5	Listening	*14:50 - 15:20 (approx)
Wednesday 18 May			
Morning			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Business Management	National 5		09:00 - 11:00
Business Management	Higher		09:00 - 11:45
Afternoon			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Engineering Science	National 5		13:00 - 14:50
Engineering Science	Higher		*12:30 - 15:00

Thursday 19 May			
Morning			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Biology	Higher	Paper 1 Multiple Choice	09:00 - 09:40
Biology	Higher	Paper 2	10:10 - 12:30
Human Biology	Higher	Paper 1 Multiple Choice	09:00 - 09:40
Human Biology	Higher	Paper 2	10:10 - 12:30
Afternoon			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Biology	Advanced Higher		*12:00 - 15:00
Biology	National 5		*12:30 - 15:00
Friday 20 May			
Morning			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
History	Higher	British, European and World History	09:00 - 10:30
History	Higher	Scottish History	11:00 - 12:30
History	Advanced Higher		09:00 - 12:00
Afternoon			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
History	National 5		*12:45 - 15:05
Monday 23 May			
Morning			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Media	Higher	Analysis of Media Content	09:00 - 10:45
Media	Higher	The Role of Media	11:15 - 12:15
Afternoon			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Media	National 5		*13:00 - 15:00
Tuesday 24 May			
Morning			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Practical Cookery	National 5		09:00 - 10:00
Afternoon			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time

Wednesday 25 May			
Morning			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Philosophy	Higher	Paper 1	09:00 - 11:15
Philosophy	National 5		09:00 - 11:20
Afternoon			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Philosophy	Higher	Paper 2	13:30 - 15:15
Thursday 26 May			
Morning			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
English for Speakers of Other Languages	Higher	Listening	09:00 - 09:45(approx)
English for Speakers of Other Languages	Higher	Reading	10:15 - 11:25
Afternoon			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
English for Speakers of Other Languages	Higher	Writing	13:00 – 14:40
Friday 27 May			
Morning			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Art and Design	National 5		09:00 - 10:00
Art and Design	Higher		09:00 - 10:15
Afternoon			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Economics	National 5		12:00 - 14:00
Monday 30 May			
Morning			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Accounting	National 5		09:00 - 11:00
Accounting	Higher		09:00 - 11:30
Accounting	Advanced Higher		09:00 - 11:30
Afternoon			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Computing Science	National 5		13:30 - 15:00
Computing Science	Higher		*13:00 - 15:00
Computing Science	Advanced Higher		*13:00 - 15:00

Tuesday 31 May			
Morning			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
German	Higher	Reading and Directed Writing	09:00 - 11:00
German	Higher	Listening	11:30 - 12:00 (approx)
Afternoon			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
German	National 5	Reading and Writing	*12:30 - 14:00
German	National 5	Listening	*14:30 - 15:00 (approx)
Wednesday 01 June			
Morning			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Sociology	National 5		09:00 - 10:30
Afternoon			
Course	Level	Paper	Standard Time
Drama	National 5		13:00 - 14:30
Drama	Higher		*12:30 - 15:00