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Dear Parent, Carer, Learner

### SQA Estimates 2024

On Thursday 18 April 2024 I sent our learner estimates to the SQA and have today released these estimates to our learners in the form of a fourth tracking report for this session.

Estimates are only required for **National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher** courses and have been sent using the following grading system.

<b>Bands 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>Grade A</b>
<b>Bands 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>Grade B</b>
<b>Bands 5 &amp; 6</b>	<b>Grade C</b>
<b>Band 7</b>	<b>Grade D</b>
<b>Bands 8 &amp; 9</b>	<b>No award</b>

This tracking report is a digital report and can be accessed through **ParentsPortal** with the **Working at Grade** shown on this report being the **Estimate grade** that we have submitted to the SQA.

It is possible that there are other entries on the report, possibly entries for effort, behaviour, and homework as well as target grade – these entries should be disregarded as may be out of date with the only up to date entry being the one for **Working at Grade**.

For those parents and carers not signed up to the **ParentsPortal**, we will send an electronic copy of the report to your registered email address – **there will be no paper copies issued to learners**.

**Details of how to register for ParentsPortal for future reports can be found on the school social media sites.**

**This estimate is based on demonstrated evidence we hold from school assessments and must not be viewed as a guarantee of a final course award.**

Due to system limitations, it is possible that in a small number of cases that the Course Level may not reflect recent changes made. Learners have been previously issued with data checks regarding course presentation and should be fully aware of what exams and unit-based courses they are studying, however if any learner is unsure of what courses they are studying then they should discuss with their Guidance Teacher.

Should any learner have a query regarding their estimate grade, then in the first instance they are to discuss this with their class teacher.

For any learner studying ungraded continuously assessed courses such as National Progression Awards, Units, National 1, 2, 3 or 4 level, no estimate grade is sent to the SQA and if included in this report, a grade of 6 indicates that they are on track to pass and a grade 9 indicates that at present significant improvement is required to pass the course.

## **Exam Result Appeals**

The SQA will again be operating a free appeal service for learners, and I would direct all to the following weblink regarding this matter.

[Your Exams - SQA](#)

There are several options here but in particular I would refer all to the sections.

- **What if I couldn't sit the exam**
- **Appeals**

These sections give greater information regarding the Exam Exceptional Circumstances Consideration Service and Appeals 2024.

**If any learner cannot attend an exam due to an exceptional circumstance, then they must advise us of this as soon as possible as there is a time deadline for us to make an Exam Exceptional Circumstances Appeal. I recommend learners contact their Guidance Teacher or myself direct regarding this matter – my email address can be found at the bottom of this letter.**

## **SQA timetable**

A reminder that the schools SQA timetable has been published on the schools website and on display boards around school. Some exams have had their times changes due to local issues such as our bus times and I would advise all learners to consult our school timetable to ensure they are aware of when their exam will take place.

**Any queries regarding exam times should be directed to the school and not the SQA.**

## **Exam Leave 22.04.24 to 31.05.24**

During exam leave, learners are welcome to come to school to study and to seek support from their class teachers. Through assemblies this week we have advised that if a learner wishes to come to see a member of staff, that they contact the member of staff first through their online teams/classrooms to make this arrangement as there is no guarantee that staff will be available at any given time.

**Learners coming to school to study will be directed to our school library as our designated study area.**



Should you wish to discuss any issues contained within this letter then please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's Guidance teacher here at the Academy and we thank you for your continued support of all our learners and wish those sitting any SQA assessment well with their assessment.

Yours sincerely

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