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Dear Parent/Carer

SQA Examination Results 2022

As you will be aware, SQA results have been issued to pupils today - Tuesday 9 August. The information on the following pages signposts the support available for your child in relation to these results.

As you can imagine, on exam results day our school office can receive a number of calls. However, the school is closed until next week and Pupil Support Leaders and Curriculum Leaders will not be able to respond to you until they return from the summer holiday.

We wish our pupils every success for their exam results and hope you find the information helpful if you require support.

We are looking forward to celebrating the achievements of our pupils when they return to school next week.

Yours sincerely

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Colin Meikle Headteacher











SQA Examination Results 2022

SQA Exam Certificate

SQA Candidate Advice Line will be available from Tuesday 9 August. Pupils/parents can call this line for advice on the content or layout of the SQA certificate or e-mail them using their email address or by completing an enquiry form.

SQA Candidate Advice Line: 0345 279 1000

Email: customer@sqa.org.uk

SQA Appeals Service

Pupils can request an appeal if they feel that they have underperformed on the day of the exam and it is a free service to submit an appeal. We would encourage any pupil who is considering an appeal to speak to the Curriculum Leader of the subject beforehand.

More information about the appeals process can be found in the guidance document here.

An appeal will **not** be submitted where:

- The final award is in line or higher than the grade estimated by the school. This can be found on the last tracking report we sent last session.
- The final award is within the same grade as that predicted by the assessment evidence held by the school.
- We do not have the appropriate evidence that would be required to submit an appeal for the subject.

If a pupil is eligible for an appeal, in most cases the grade will either go up or stay the same. However, there is a very small chance that the grade could go down due to the clerical check process.

S5/S6 Changes to Course Choice

If any pupil in S5 or S6 is reconsidering their coursing as a result of their SQA grades, they can book a recoursing meeting on the afternoon of Monday 15 August or Tuesday 16 August. There will be further opportunities when school returns to do this, should you be unsuccessful in booking or be unable to attend. We have created an event on our parents booking system for any parent/carer to do this on behalf of their child. However, only the pupil should attend school at their assigned time. The appointment can be booked with any of the four Pupil Support Leaders involved (Mr Breach/Mr Gilliland/Mr Sansom/Mrs Frew) and will last 15 minutes. Please book by logging in here:

Parents' Evening - Parent Details Login (parents-booking.co.uk)

Post School Destination Support

If your child has now left school and needs support and guidance on their next steps following their exam results, there are many support options available to them.

Skills Development Scotland

Our Skills Development Scotland Career's Adviser, Cat Burns can offer advice and link school leavers to one of our post-school work coaches to support them in planning their next steps.

Pupils can e-mail Cat using the following address: Catriona.Burns@sds.co.uk

UCAS

The UCAS Hub will open at 8.15am on Tuesday 9 August for pupils to access their application. Pupils can add a 'Clearing' choice from 3.00pm onwards. All users will see three tiles in their UCAS Hub with links to 2022 Undergraduate and Conservatoire applications, and a link to start new applications clearly labelled.

This year the e-mail messaging is enhanced with support and guidance relevant to a pupil's status, including The Ultimate Guide to Clearing, which is packed with advice from universities, careers advisers, mental health ambassadors and fellow pupils.

There is also a <u>Clearing Guide for Parents</u> available with practical tips for you to pass on to help them support their child through the process.

If your child would like to appeal one or more of the grades they receive, we would advise them to contact their first choice university or college as the immediate step. It is important to keep them informed. Depending on their location, there are different processes to follow.

Edinburgh College

There is still time to apply and enrol on a course at Edinburgh College starting in August 2022. Pupils can also get help and advice on existing applications based on their exam results.

Pupils can access support and guidance by calling the Clearing Helpline on **0131 297 8500** which will be open on 9, 10 and 11 August from 9.00am – 4.00pm.

Alternatively, pupils can attend the Edinburgh College Clearing Event at Granton Campus on Friday 12 August from 11.00am – 3.00pm.

This event is for anyone who:

- has already applied for a course but would like to speak to someone about their options after receiving their exam results.
- has changed their mind about their original choice of course.
- has not yet applied but wants to start a course in 2022/23.

More information can be found here: <u>Clearing Event 2022 | Edinburgh College</u>