



8 August 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

SQA Examination Results 2023

As you will be aware, SQA results have been issued to pupils today – Tuesday 8 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. A member of our admin team will be available if you contact our school office but the majority of questions will be directed to our Pupil Support Leaders and/or Curriculum Leaders who will not be able to respond to you until they return from holiday next week.

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

Colin Meikle
Headteacher

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SQA Exam Certificate

SQA Candidate Advice Line will be available from Tuesday 8 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

The SQA have also produced a list of 'Frequently Asked Questions' for results days which can be accessed here: <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/72074.html>

SQA Appeals Service

Pupils can request an appeal if they feel that they have underperformed on the day of the exam or the school can submit an appeal on your behalf 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](#) and on the SQA website [here](#).

In the SQA guidance document, the SQA point out that the things you should think about before you appeal are:

- Is the grade on your certificate in line with your estimate?
- Have you discussed the grade with your teacher or lecturer?
- Is the grade unexpected?

Please note that the estimate can be found on the last tracking report we sent last session. In most cases the grade will either go up or stay the same. However, there is a 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 re-coursing meeting on Monday 14 August. We have created an event on our parent's 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 should be booked with Miss Campbell if your child is in the new S5 or with Miss Ramsay or Mr Gilliland if your child is in the new S6 and it will last 15 minutes. Please book by logging in here:

[Parents' Evening - Parent Details Login \(parents-booking.co.uk\)](#)

There will be further opportunities when school returns to do this should you be unsuccessful in booking or be unable to attend.

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

Pupils and/or parents and carers will be able to get support with their results through a dedicated helpline offering impartial career advice set up by Skills Development Scotland (SDS).

The SDS Results Helpline (0808 100 8000) will be staffed by more than 30 expert careers advisers from across Scotland, and will be live from 8am on Tuesday 8 August for four days to assist anybody that needs help with their options and next steps.

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 09:00 on Tuesday 8th August for students to access their application. Students can add a Clearing choice from 10.00 onwards,

All users will see three tiles in their UCAS Hub with links to 2023 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 students.

If your child is planning 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 to let them know. 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 2023. Pupils can also get help and advice on existing applications based on their exam results by contacting schools@edinburghcollege.ac.uk.

Alternatively, pupils can attend the Edinburgh College Clearing Event at Granton Campus on Friday 11 August between 11am and 2pm.

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 2023/24.

More information can be found here: [Clearing 2023: Exam Results Drop In Session | Edinburgh College](#)