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Dear Parent/Carer

SQA Results – August 2020

This year's exam results are scheduled to arrive on 4 August 2020. All candidates will receive their certificate by post on this day and may also receive their results by text or e-mail if they have signed up for MySQA. Students can sign up for this on the SQA website (www.sqa.org.uk) by 14 July.

In response to the cancellation of the 2020 exam diet, SQA developed an alternative certification model whereby each school had to submit estimate grades for all candidates being presented for certification and we were rigorous in our internal moderation of the estimate grades prior to sending this information to the SQA.

At Dyce Academy in reaching a professional judgment on an estimated grade for each pupil, teachers considered a wide range of assessment evidence. This included -

- Class and homework throughout the year
- Completed course work
- Timed assessments
- January/February Estimate Examinations

Importantly, we also considered attainment data for each course for the last three years. This allowed us to measure improvement patterns in pupils' performance between the estimate examinations and the end of the course.

The SQA will check and validate the estimate grades provided in order to ensure consistency across centres and fairness to all candidates. The estimate grades submitted by the school may be subject to change by the SQA.

If, as a school, we are concerned by a candidate's result, or the results of a group of candidates we can request a Post Certification review. This Post Certification Service will open after candidates receive their results on 4 August.

A candidate is eligible for review only when they have been awarded a lower grade than the grade estimated by the school. Assessment evidence must be available to support the review request.

It is important to note that **the review can lead to a change of grade either up or down.**

Dyce Academy will submit review requests only on the basis of assessment evidence. It cannot do so on compassionate grounds or, for example, because entry to higher education is conditional on a particular award.

Decisions about eligibility for the Post-Certification Service will be taken by Mrs Adam, Head Teacher, based on advice from the relevant Faculty Head and in conjunction with our SQA Co-ordinator, Mrs Jamieson. Only Dyce Academy can submit a review request to SQA. Parents/carers and candidates **cannot** submit requests.

Information will be published on the school website on 4 August of the procedure to be followed if a candidate wishes to be considered for a review. All requests must be submitted by the school to the SQA by 21 August 2020. However, the closing date for priority marking review requests for candidates with a conditional offer at university or college is 14 August 2020.

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On return to school in August, some students in S5-6 may wish to change courses as a result of their exam results. An online form will be available to students from Monday 10 August to start this process. Further details will be available through the school website and the S5 and S6 Google Classrooms on Monday 10 August.

This has been a difficult time for the 2020 cohort of young people sitting SQA examinations. I hope that this letter gives you some understanding of the SQA process as we move towards certification and how we will move forward with your son/daughter's courses for session 2020-21.

Wishing everyone a healthy and restful summer break.

Yours faithfully



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