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Dear Parent/Carer

As our Qualifications Scotland exam diet is almost underway, I am sharing with you your child's estimates for any N5 – Advanced Higher exams. The estimates reflect the working grades we have sent all year and represent an evidence-based prediction that schools are required to send the Qualifications Scotland each academic year.

Estimates and Appeals

What are estimates and how are they used?

An estimate is a number submitted to Qualifications Scotland by the school for National Qualification courses at National Five, Higher and Advanced Higher level. It is an evidenced-based prediction using Qualifications Scotland standards and based on a review of the available assessment material. I have included a summary of the estimates below:

Band	Estimated Performance
1	Grade A (upper)
2	Grade A (lower)
3	Grade B (upper)
4	Grade B (lower)
5	Grade C (upper)
6	Grade C (lower)
7	Grade D
8	No Award
9	Withdrawn

Your child's estimate for each subject will be shown in the Working Grade column of this report.

Ungraded National Five courses such as Travel and Tourism will have an estimate of a 6 for any pupil who has passed these courses.

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In terms of the forthcoming exam diet, estimates will be used in two ways:

- As part of the criteria to access an appeal.
- Where an exceptional circumstance request (disruption on the day of the exam e.g. illness) is made, estimates are used by SQA examiners when reviewing assessment evidence.

The Post Results Service (appeals) process.

This will be available after results have been communicated to pupils on Tuesday 4th August.

- The appeals process is free of charge to schools and pupils. Pupils will be able to appeal directly to the Qualifications Scotland should they wish to. This involves candidates requesting that their paper is re-marked and checked by a senior marker at Qualifications Scotland to ensure it has been tallied and entered correctly. **It is not a re-mark of their paper.**

Can I submit an appeal?

A pupil can only submit an appeal if their actual grade, i.e. the grade they receive on their Qualifications Scotland certificate, is lower than their estimated grade.

Exceptional Circumstances

What is an exceptional circumstance?

Qualifications Scotland summarises exceptional circumstances in 2 ways:

1. Instances where pupils are unable to attend the exam or prevented from completing the exam due a personal circumstance out with their control (such as a medical issue or bereavement)
2. Pupils are affected during the exam by a disruption, or other examination circumstance, reported by the chief invigilator (such as a fire alarm)

Exceptional circumstances requests must be submitted via myself as the school's Qualifications Scotland co-ordinator. Please contact me at michael.mcgeough@renfrewshire.school if you have a query about the estimates, the appeals process or if you think your child may be entitled to exceptional circumstances.

Finally, can I strongly encourage all young people to register with Qualifications Scotland MyExams app so that they will be sent their results by text or email at 8am on the morning of 4th August. Any pupil who signs up for this will still receive their Qualifications Scotland certificate in the post, but it means that if you're on holiday or your post is delayed, your child knows their results, and it alleviates the anxious wait on what can be a highly tense day.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all our young people well in exams.

Yours faithfully



Michael McGeough
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