

## St Benedict's High School

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Children's Services

Dear Parent/Carer,

On the 9<sup>th</sup> August, your child will receive their SQA results. Our hope is that they will receive the results they were expecting, but if this is not the case, they may be eligible to access the SQA Appeals Service. This system has been implemented this year in response to the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic and is not routinely available as part of the examination process.

To access this service, learners must meet the following criteria:

- The learner's estimate must be higher than their certificated grade - for example, the learner's exam result is a grade C, but their estimate was a grade B.
- The learner must have taken and/or submitted all coursework and formal assessments, including exams.
- At least one component of the course assessment must be marked by SQA. Courses that are wholly internally assessed are **not eligible for appeals** (e.g. National 5 Practical Electronics, Practical Woodworking and Practical Metalworking.)

Learners will be awarded the higher of two grades, based on either:

- a clerical check of their SQA assessments — exam script and/or coursework, or
- a review by SQA senior appointees of the assessment evidence submitted by their centre, also taking into account their performance in any required coursework.

Grades can go up or stay the same. There is a very small chance that a grade could also go down, but this would only be in the event of a clerical check identifying an error that reduces the original certificated grade, and the centre evidence not supporting the original certificated grade.

There are two ways that an appeal can be submitted:

- Learners or their representatives can submit an appeal (for eligible subjects) via the Direct Learner Appeals Service. This is accessed via SQA's website.
- Centres can submit an appeal via the Appeals 2022 Service, on behalf of their learners.

We strongly advise that all appeals are made through the school. Appeals made directly by learners will still require assessment evidence to be submitted by the school and so applications managed by the school will be processed faster. If you do decide to apply directly, please inform the school in advance. Learners do have the final say on whether an appeal is submitted but it is important that they are able to make a well-informed decision on whether to proceed with this or not.

If you, or your young person wishes to submit an appeal this year, please contact the school directly.

Director of Children's Services: Steven Quinn

## Priority Appeals

Some learners may need to submit a priority appeal. Priority appeals are only for those who are relying on results to secure a place in Further or Higher Education. The outcomes of these appeals will be released in time for the UCAS deadline. Please ensure you contact the school about priority appeals as early as possible.

## Appeal Deadlines

Priority Appeal, Learner Direct	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August
Priority Appeal, Centres	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> August
General Appeal, Learner Direct	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August
General Appeal, Centres	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September

Information relating to the Appeals Service can be found via this link: [SQA Appeals 2022](#)

## Subject Changes Post Exam Results

For those pupils who have not achieved the grades they were expecting or need to continue in their current courses on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022 from 9am to 3pm for re-coursing interviews and options changes. Please phone the school office on 0300 300 1441 to make an appointment.

If you require any further information regarding any of the issues mentioned above, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. May I take this opportunity to thank you for supporting our young people and the school through the SQA exam process.

Yours sincerely

Anne Phelps

Dr Anne Phelps  
Depute headteacher