

Hyndland Secondary School – English and Media Department

Producing Provisional Grades – June 2021

Introduction

This guide will inform the production of provisional grades as part of the Alternative Certification Model for session 2020-21. It will outline how staff have arrived at provisional grades this session and what evidence has been utilised to support this for Advanced Higher, Higher and National 5 levels.

Evidence Production

Evidence to support provisional results has been produced in a number of ways. All evidence to support provisional grades has been produced post Easter break.

- In class assessment using secure assessment materials
- Timetabled recovery 'prelim' diet using P&N produced assessment materials
- Timetable assessment diet using amended SQA assessment materials (Amendments are attached as appendix to this document)

Evidence has been moderated and cross marked at both departmental and authority level.

Evidence Collation

Evidence for each candidate is noted in the 'Final Grades Tracker' spread sheets in the shared area.

For National 5 and Higher English the student's best score for the following assessment components produced in any assessment post **Easter break** are noted;

- Portfolio
- Scottish Set Text
- Critical Essay
- RUAE

For Advanced Higher English the student's best score in the following assessment components produced in any assessment post **Easter break** are noted;

- Portfolio
- Dissertation
- Literary Study
- Textual Analysis

For National 5 Media the student's best score in the following assessment components produced in any assessment post **Easter break** are noted;

- Question Paper
- Assignment

For Higher Media the student's best score in the following assessment components produced in any assessment post **Easter break** are noted;

- Analysis of Media Content
- Role of Media
- Assignment

Grade Boundaries and Bands

Grade Boundaries and banding cut offs have been replicated from the SQA document '**National Courses: guidance on gathering evidence and producing estimates**' published in October 2020. They are as follows;

Band	Estimated performance	Notional % range
1	Grade A (upper)	85 – 100
2	Grade A (lower)	70 – 84
3	Grade B (upper)	65 – 69
4	Grade B (lower)	60 – 64
5	Grade C (upper)	55 – 59
6	Grade C (lower)	50 – 54
7	Grade D	40 – 49
8	No Award	30 – 39
9	No Award	0 – 29