



Hyndland Secondary School – Maths 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 through formal assessments. All evidence to support provisional grades has been produced from November, April & May Assessments.

- In class November 'Early Intervention' assessment using previous prelims and SQA past paper Qs.
- Timetabled recovery 'prelim' diet using previous prelims and SQA past paper Qs
- Timetable assessment diet using amended SQA assessment materials.

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

Evidence Collation

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

For all levels the student's scores for the previously mentioned assessments are noted. Students were awarded their May assessment result as this was deemed to be the most reliable piece of evidence however for some students a more bespoke approach was taken and notes of these decisions are on the 'Final Evidence Results' spread sheets.

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

However **45%** was set as a band 6 for Higher & N5 to allow trends for previous years to remain as much as possible after discussion with HT & SLT Link.