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Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to provide you with an important update on arrangements for this year's National Qualifications following the cancellation of normal exams.

In order to submit your child's provisional results to the SQA as part of the Alternative Certification Model for the 2021 session, staff in your child's school are progressing their plans to support their young people, by providing evidence along with staff's professional judgement, of young people's demonstrated attainment.

The school has given pupils a clear plan of what their learning and assessment journey will be, from their return from Spring break until late June and in relation to each of their subjects.

Please be assured that there are detailed arrangements in place to ensure that provisional results are checked by other staff within the school, by staff in other schools and where required, by other experienced officers across the authority to ensure they align with national standards and expectations. Staff in school have also undertaken a range of professional learning updates to help make sure your child receives the correct qualifications.

Provisional results for each pupil in each national qualification are due to be submitted to the SQA by 25 June 2021.

In a change from normal practice, it has also been agreed by all schools in the city, that provisional results will be shared, in line with national advice, with young people between 14 – 25 June 2021.

This will enable staff to focus on supporting young people until that date.

Staff will continue to have ongoing conversations with young people throughout this period about their progress in order that the submitted provisional result does not come as a surprise to pupils. To allow schools to concentrate on this very important task we would ask for your cooperation in ensuring that you and your child avoids any unnecessary contact with staff about the provisional results before this date.

By these dates, we will also be clearer about what the SQA arrangements are for dealing with any appeals, should that be a route that you and your child would want to take advantage of. The hope is that this appeals service will operate in a similar way to the years before session 2019/2020 and will be progressed beginning in August 2021 but we will update you on the details when we have them confirmed.

As always, thank you for your continued support, patience and understanding in these matters and during these unprecedented times.

Yours sincerely

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