### SQA Assembly 2020-2021

National 4/5 Qualifications

#### 2020-2021 - Expectations of Schools

- Provide a provisional result based on a holistic review of candidates performance.
- Base the provisional result on robust pieces of evidence gathered under exam conditions.
- Evidence must cover all aspects of the N5 Course.
- Evidence must be moderated across local schools

## **Expectations of Schools**

- Have the evidence available for SQA scrutiny.
- If the credibility of any evidence is in doubt, it cannot be used.
- Candidates should have access to the same assessment arrangements as they are entitled to in a formal SQA exam.

#### 2021-2022 – Expectations of Schools

- Schools should plan to present candidates for formal SQA exams in 2022.
- Schools will provide an 'estimate grade' as part of the presentation process.
- Estimate grades should be based on robust tracking data.

Whilst we plan for exams, we must have a back up if the situation changes!

### N5 Course Coverage

- SQA have now provided advice in all subject areas.
- Teachers will guide you as to the appropriate use of SQA Past Papers in your revision.
- In most subjects, the assignment is still removed
   although NOT Computing & Admin.
- Estimate must have evidence of performance in all areas of the course.
- All evidence MUST be the learners own work.

#### Collusion

- Collusion working with others when you should be working on your own.
- Everyone involved is breaking the rules.
- Teachers are familiar with your work so will recognise any change in style or language
- Teachers know their subject so will recognise different sources.

### **Plagiarism**

- Plagiarism pretending that other people's work is your own.
- This is cheating!
- It is not you work if it has been produced or worked on by someone else.
- It is not your work if you copy from a book or website.

### Exam conditions

- You should not talk or communicate with any person in the room except the teacher.
- If you need to speak to the teacher, raise your hand and wait for the teacher to respond.
- You should be responding to 'unseen' questions and not have any knowledge of the paper in advance.
- Do not ask friends about the content of the assessment

   especially those who have completed the assessment
   before you this is Collusion.

## 'Exam' conditions

- You must not access your phone, IPad, smart watch or other device with storage or internet access.
- The only items on your desk should be stationary associated with the assessment e.g. pen, pencil, question/answer paper, ruler, calculator etc.
- You have access to Alternative Assessment
   Arrangements, AAA such as extra time, access to ICT
   etc, This must has been agreed with Mrs J McFarlane,
   PT Support for Learning in advance of any assessment.

Plagiarism, Collusion and Breach of Exam Conditions are all Breaking the Rules!

### Integrity

The practice of being honest and showing a consistent and uncompromising adherence to strong moral and ethical principles and values.

Exam Integrity – conditions must be the same for everyone – 'unseen' questions, appropriate standard, accurately marked so results are FAIR

### Assessment Integrity

- If you tell someone what is in an assessment the questions are not 'unseen' for them.
- The assessment is fair when no one knows the questions in advance.
- All young people are asked to sign a declaration to confirm that their SQA evidence is all their own work.

#### What if I break the rules!

- Any penalty imposed will depend on how serious the matter is.
- Your marks may be reduced.
- You may be awarded ZERO marks in a paper.
- Your qualification in that subject may be cancelled.
- ALL of your qualifications may be cancelled