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Dear Pupil/Parent/Carer

The majority of pupils in S5 have made a very positive start to their new courses during the last two weeks. A small number need to address their attendance and punctuality otherwise they will start to fall behind with coursework. A few also need to ensure their uniform is of an acceptable standard: formal black skirt/trousers with shirt and tie, formal black shoes and blazer. Hopefully only a few changes of subject will be required in August once the results have arrived as the curriculum is extremely tight because of the very large number of pupils returning to the senior school.

The **SQA results** will arrive either by email/text to those who have registered with the SQA on **Tuesday 6 August 2019 by 9.00am**. They will **also** arrive sometime by **post** on **Tuesday 6 August 2019**.

The SQA have a **Candidate Advice Line**. Candidates will be given **general** information e.g. if there are difficulties understanding the layout of the certificate. The videos in this web link help to explain the exam certificate in some detail: <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/65952.2512.html> The SQA will not respond to **specific** queries regarding candidate results. They will refer candidates to the school. Please check www.sqa.org.uk for details.

Skills Development Scotland is also operating an exam results helpline (0808 100 8000) offering expert advice on next step career options for candidates.

There is no longer an appeals process. This has been replaced with a Post Results Service. Information regarding the Post Results Service can be found in the 'Your Exams 2019' booklet which was issued to pupils prior to exam leave. Please note the Post Results Service is only to be used by schools where the school believes there may have been an error with the marking. The SQA has rigorous quality assurance checks in place to ensure very few errors are made. Curriculum Leaders and departments will be scrutinising results on the second in-service day and will inform pupils on their return to school if they believe there is evidence that the Post Results Service would be appropriate. Further information is available at www.sqa.org.uk and on the school website.

For any pupil wishing to see me with issues related to their S5 coursing I will be in school on **Wednesday 7th August from 10.00am – 2.30pm**. Please **telephone the School Office (229 9703) to make an appointment**. If you are unable to get an appointment the guidance team and I will be available for re-coursing on the afternoon of **Tuesday 13th August 2019, 1.30-3.30pm**. Please note this is an in-service day. Pupils should phone the school office to **make an appointment** with their Guidance teacher.

There will be an **Information Evening for parents/carers on Thursday 29th August 2019 from 7.00-7.45pm** to outline the structure of the Higher and National 5 courses, our expectations and support structures.

I look forward to seeing many of you then. Meanwhile may I wish you all a very enjoyable summer holiday.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs C Paterson
Depute Head Teacher S5/6