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Dear Pupil/Parent/Carer

The majority of pupils in S6 have made a positive start to their new courses during the last three weeks. Hopefully only a few changes will be required in August once the results have arrived. A few pupils still need to ensure their uniform is in line with school expectations: formal black skirt/trousers with shirt and tie, formal black shoes and blazer. We are hoping that group and individual photographs of the new S6 will be taken on **Thursday 15 August 2019** so it is important that everyone has the correct dress code for the start of the new term in August.

The **SQA results** will arrive either by email/text to those who registered 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. Information is also available at www.sqa.org.uk and on the school website.

For any pupil wishing to see me with issues related to their S6 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

University/College Applications;

Due to the increasingly competitive nature of university entrance it is more important than ever that pupils choose the right courses in S6 if this is a route they would like to pursue.

I will be writing to all S6 pupils in **late July** with information regarding:-

- Appropriate course choice for S6 based on S5 results- how to contact institutions
- Preparation for UCAS (University entrance) and College Entrance

Please look through this information when it arrives and contact the appropriate Admissions Office of the universities and colleges of choice to check that your son/daughter is taking the right subjects to maximise their chances of entry to Higher Education.

There will be a **parent information evening on Monday 2 September 2019 re Post School Planning** from 7.00-8.00pm. A reminder will come by email when the pupils return in August. This information evening will provide parents/carers with further information about post school applications, including UCAS, and how parents can support this at home.

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
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