Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware from previous communications this year schools will be responsible for determining provisional grades for all pupils sitting national qualifications. These grades will be submitted to SQA at the end of June. SQA guidance for this year’s certification process states that there is no ‘inferred attainment’ and grades will only be awarded based on ‘**demonstrated’** attainment. Therefore, pupils have been sitting robust, quality assured assessments that have given them the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, understanding and skills in each subject area.

These assessment results have been taken into consideration- alongside assessment evidence gathered earlier in the session- and we are now able to issue a current **working grade** to pupils (attached).

The current working grade is the grade that each teacher **has evidence for at this point in time** and is not **yet** the final provisional grade that will be submitted to SQA.

Where a pupil has not yet gained enough evidence for a pass in a national qualification and the department know that future planned assessments will not produce sufficient evidence for a pass in the full course award then the principal teacher of that department will have suggested one of the following options;

* The pupil is entered at the level below their current level i.e. National 4 rather than National 5
* The pupil is entered for freestanding units. These units cover smaller sections of the curriculum which, when passed, show that the pupil has demonstrated the appropriate level of knowledge for that section of work meaning they achieve recognition for areas of the course they have understood.
* The pupil is entered for the full course award in May 2022 giving them more time to consolidate their understanding before a final grade is determined. This would prevent pupils having a ‘no award’ on their SQA certificate in August 2021.
* The pupils is withdrawn from the qualification (only occurs after agreement with their pastoral teacher).

Over the next week or so teachers will be having individual **learning conversations** with each pupil in their class to outline what evidence has been used to determine their current working grade and the further opportunities each pupil will have to demonstrate their understanding of the course outcomes and how this could impact on their final grade.

The final school assessment period will take place from the **24th May- 4th June**. During this period of assessment departments will collect any final evidence required to support the production of provisional grades. It is important that pupils prepare appropriately for forthcoming assessments and that they use every opportunity to access additional support where needed. I have attached the online booster class timetable to the end of this letter for your reference and would recommend all pupils attend the relevant sessions. Pupils will be informed in advance of assessments and the curriculum areas being assessed.

Once all local and national quality assurance processes are completed, we will issue pupils with their final provisional grades at the end of June and these grades will be sent to SQA.

We appreciate that the coming weeks will continue to be very challenging for our young people and we will do everything we can to support them in achieving their potential. I would urge all young people to contact their pastoral teacher or house DHT if they need further support at any time.

Yours sincerely

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**Raising Attainment Booster Classes- Online Timetable April/May**

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| Week 1  **24/5/21** | 4.30-5.30 | 5.30-6.30 | 7.30-8.30 |
| Monday | H Admin & IT H- Miss Vernal  N5 Design and Manufacture -Mr Brown  Higher Geography -Miss Semple  N5 Music Listening- Mrs Adams/Ms Urquhart  N5 Spanish -Mrs Kilgour | Higher Psychology -Mr Smith  N5 Music Technology Listening -Miss McPherson | N5 English -Miss McFadden  Higher Art Critical Studies- Mr Sheppard  Higher Maths- Mrs McKay |
| Tuesday | N5 Modern Studies -Miss Dawson  N5/Higher English- Mr Bryce  N5 Business Management -Miss Vernal  N4/N5 Music Targeted Practical Support -Mrs Adams (invite only)  Tuesday 4.30 - 5.30 AH Music Listening -Miss McPherson | N5 History -Miss McGinley | Higher Biology -Miss Badger |
| Wednesday | Nat 5 Practical Cookery -Mrs Carlin  Advanced Higher Biology -Ms Badger | Higher Physics -Mr Fulton  Advanced Higher English -Miss Hamilton |  |
| Thursday | Higher English -Miss Pinkerton  National 5 Maths -Mr Dickie  N5 Computing Science -Mr Brooks  N5 French -Mrs Kilgour  H Business Management- Miss Vernal  N5 Biology- Miss McIntyre | National 5 Geography -Ms Oliver  Practical Woodworking Skills- Ms Smith  N5 Physics -Mr Glen | Higher English -Miss Gribben |

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| **Saturday** | **10-11 am**  N5 Chemistry -Mrs Steven |

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| **Saturday** | **10-11 am** |
|  | Higher Chemistry- Mrs Steven |

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| Week 2  **17/5/21**  **31/5/21** | 4.30-5.30 | 5.30-6.30 | 7.30-8.30 |
| Monday | H History- Mrs Cullen  H Spanish -Mrs Kilgour  Higher Geography -Miss Semple | N5 Physics -Mr Glen  N4 Maths- Miss McLauchlan | N5 English -Miss McFadden  N5 Art Critical Studies -Mr Sheppard  Higher Maths -Mrs McKay |
| Tuesday | N5 Modern Studies -Miss Dawson  N5/Higher English -Mr Bryce  H Computing Science -Mr McGivern | N5 History -Miss McGinley  Higher Modern Studies -Ms McCormack | Higher Biology -Miss Badger |
| Wednesday | Nat 5 Practical Cookery- Mrs Barry  Nat 5 Practical Cake Craft -A.Purves  Advanced Higher Biology- Ms Badger | N5 Psychology- Mr Smith  Higher Physics- Mr Fulton  Advanced Higher English -Miss Hamilton |  |
| Thursday | Higher English -Miss Pinkerton  National 5 Maths -Mr Dickie  Nat 5 Computing Science- Mr Brooks  N5 Biology -Miss Wilson  Higher French -Mrs Kilgour | National 5 Geography- Ms Oliver  N5 Physics -Mr Glen | Higher English -Miss Gribben |