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Dear Parent/Carer/Pupil

## **SQA Results and appeals (post certification review) for Pupils and Parents 2020**

### **MySQA**

Many of our pupils have already registered with MySQA to receive their examination results by text or email. If they have not done so already, we recommend that all pupils sign up at [www.mysqa.org.uk](http://www.mysqa.org.uk) before 5 pm on Tuesday 14 July 2020 and check that their details are correct. To register with MySQA, pupils need their Scottish Candidate Number (SCN) and an email address.

### **SQA Results Day**

The SQA results day this year is Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and all pupils will get their results through MySQA and receive their certificate in the post. If pupils need urgent help on or after Results Day they can call the main school number on 01224 589251 between 10am and 12pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August and speak to Laura Murray the school's SQA co-ordinator. Pupils can also email Ms Murray at [harlawacademy@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:harlawacademy@aberdeencity.gov.uk) and this email account will be monitored from the 4<sup>th</sup> August onwards.

Pupils should not contact teachers via Google Classroom or gmail about their results as these accounts will not be monitored over the holiday period.

Pupils do not need to contact the school about Post Certification Review (Appeals) as these will be dealt with on our return week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> August.

### **SQA Post Certification Review (Appeals)**

This year there is an alternative certification model for SQA awards. Schools submitted estimate grades for candidates based on assessment evidence generated through the school session and prior attainment data. SQA then applied a moderation process to the estimates before awarding candidates their final grade. This means that pupils may be awarded a different grade to that estimated by the school.

The SQA is providing a service to allow schools to request a Post Certification Review (Appeal) of a result where

- the grade awarded to a candidate or groups of candidates is different to that estimated by the school and
- Assessment evidence is available that demonstrates performance at a higher grade than that awarded by SQA

Further information on this service can be found at the link below:-

<https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/93963.html>

Harlaw Academy staff will review all results where the awarded grade differs to the submitted estimate to reach a decision about whether the assessment evidence would support a Post Certification Review request. The



decision on whether to request a review will be taken by the relevant Faculty Head in conjunction with the SQA Co-ordinator and the Headteacher.

If it is decided that a review request is appropriate, we will submit assessment evidence to the SQA which will be reviewed by a senior SQA examiner along with any other evidence already held by SQA. The examiner will determine if a grade should be changed and there are three possible outcomes to a review:

- A candidate is awarded a higher grade
- The grade stays the same
- A candidate is awarded a lower grade

Owing to the fact that the grade can be lowered, we must be sure that requesting a review is the correct thing to do. Accordingly, pupils will be asked for their agreement before a request is submitted.

### Priority Reviews

Priority reviews are available for candidates with a conditional university or college offer and pupils in this position can contact the school by email at [harlawacademy@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:harlawacademy@aberdeencity.gov.uk)

### Skills Development Scotland (SDS)

Further support is available from SDS whose advisers are available over the summer. They have asked we pass on the following information.

*Our Union Street Office is closed and we are working from home. We are contacting Harlaw Academy leavers to confirm their plans and offer guidance.*

*From 4<sup>th</sup> August we will also be staffing the Exam Results Helpline – details will be advertised in with pupils' results. **If you want to contact us, we would be delighted to hear from you!** Our contact numbers are the National Helpline for pupils and parents – 0800 917 800, Exam Results Helpline - 0808 100 8088, Aberdeen SDS Centre contact 01224 285200.*

Your Harlaw Academy Careers Advisers contacts are;

[Margaret.Rosado@sds.co.uk](mailto:Margaret.Rosado@sds.co.uk) and [helen.elliott@sds.co.uk](mailto:helen.elliott@sds.co.uk) .

A good resource for pupils leaving school is available throughout the summer: DYW Summer Leavers Programme 2020 <https://www.dyw.scot/skills-academy.html>

Another good source of information is [www.myworldofwork.co.uk](http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk) .

As always, we are happy to assist in any way we can.

Yours sincerely



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