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Dear Parent/Carer

SQA FINALISED GRADES 2021

I am delighted to enclose your child's finalised SQA grades for this session. The grades have been rigorously quality assured at both school and local authority level to ensure they are based on demonstrated attainment and that teacher judgements are in line with SQA standards.

These are the grades that will be recorded on their SQA certificate which they will receive on 10 August 2021.

The table below illustrates how the working grade on the report corresponds to the SQA band and final grade.

National 5 / Higher / Advanced Higher

Working Grade	SQA Band & Grade
1	A 1
2	A 2
3	B 3
4	B 4
5	C 5
6	C 6
7	D 7
9	No award

National 3 / National 4 / Skills for Work / Units only

These courses are ungraded and are pass/fail only. The grade 8 indicates that your child has successfully passed the course and been awarded the qualification at the level indicated.

Subject	Study Level	Grade
Chemistry	National 4	8
Health Sector	National 5	8
Cyber Security	44	8
Team Sports	45	8

- Study level 45 is at the same level as National 5 (SCQF level 5)
- Study Level 44 is the same level as National 4 (SCQF level 4)

Staff have worked tirelessly and have used the strongest evidence available to determine your child's grade this session. Your child had the opportunity to discuss their final grades at the beginning of the week with their teacher. At these meetings, staff explained, in detail, the evidence used to determine their final grade.

SQA Appeals Service

SQA offer a service this session for those candidates who wish to appeal their grade. SQA are clear that if appealing it should relate to one of the categories below.

- **an appeal against the academic judgement made**
- **an appeal against an unresolved administrative error**
- **an appeal on grounds of discrimination (for example, a breach of the Equality Act)**

A reason must be provided to support your request.

If proceeding, SQA are clear that the grade can **remain the same, move up or move down.**

The link below provides more information about how to register the appeal should you wish to proceed. <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/79049.html>

SQA have also developed this helpful [booklet](https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/SQA-Appeals-2021-what-you-need-to-know.pdf) about the appeals process for 2021 which can be found here. https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/SQA-Appeals-2021-what-you-need-to-know.pdf

I would like to thank you for your support and patience this session. It has been a challenging and anxious year for our young people and staff, as well as for you as parents/carers. As always, please get in touch with your child's Guidance Teacher or Year Head if you have any questions or contact Mr Gardiner, our SQA Coordinator.

Best wishes



Mary Byrne

Head Teacher