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Dear Parent/Carer

## S4 INTERIM REPORTS and ESTIMATE GRADES FOR NATIONAL 5 QUALIFICATIONS

Your son's/daughter's Interim Report will be emailed and posted to you early next week.

### National 5 Qualifications

The school will submit an estimate to the SQA for each of your son's/daughter's National 5 courses before the exams start. We are using the Interim Report at this stage to communicate these estimates to you. Teachers will also tell your son/daughter their estimate for each course before they submit it to SQA. This will give your son/daughter an opportunity to ask any questions.

The **Working Grade** on your son's/daughter's report at National 5 level indicates the **Estimate** that will be submitted to the SQA. Please note that the estimate is not your son's/daughter's final result. The final result will be based on the SQA exam and/or course work submitted to the SQA. Your son/daughter will receive their SQA results on **Tuesday 9 August 2022**.

Teachers must use evidence that has been authentically generated through planned assessment to inform the estimate grades submitted to the SQA. This is referred to as demonstrated attainment.

The SQA will use the estimates to:

- help to prioritise learners' scripts for re-consideration during the final stage of awarding procedures
- check that awarding outcomes are as fair as possible to learners
- support the interpretation of evidence for Exceptional Circumstances Consideration request

### Appeals

In the event of an appeal (where the final result is lower than the estimate), learners' assessment evidence will be reviewed by SQA's senior appointees, who will make the final determination of the grade based on their experience of applying the National Standards. That grade may be different from the centre's estimate. Learners will be awarded the higher of the two grades based on the two sources of evidence — firstly, the clerically-checked examination script together with the learner performance in any other components that were not assessed through examination, and secondly, the assessment evidence presented by the centre together with any other components that were not assessed through examination.

### National 5 Estimates:

The **Working Grade** on the Interim Report is also the **Estimate** that will be submitted to the SQA. The number on the report refers to the Band estimated for your son/daughter:

**Working Grade & Estimate 1** = Upper Band A  
**Working Grade & Estimate 2** = Lower Band A  
**Working Grade & Estimate 3** = Upper Band B  
**Working Grade & Estimate 4** = Lower Band B  
**Working Grade & Estimate 5** = Upper Band C  
**Working Grade & Estimate 6** = Lower Band C  
**Working Grade & Estimate 7** = Band D Award  
**Working Grade & Estimate 8** = No Award

Also included in your son/daughter's report is:

- **Working Level** – the course level (National 3, 4 or 5).
- **Target Grade** – grade pupil should be working towards in the SQA examination period
- Information on **Progress, Behaviour, Effort and Homework**.
- Please note that **Behaviour and Effort** only are included for Core PE and RE.

### National 3 and National 4 Qualifications

No estimates are required to be submitted to the SQA for these qualifications as National 3 and 4 courses are made up of units which are assessed as **PASS** or **FAIL** by your son/daughter's teacher. Pupils need to pass all units to achieve the qualification. Your son/daughter will receive these SQA results on **Tuesday 9 August 2022**.

On the Interim Report, Grades 1, 3 and 6 are used and indicate as follows:

**Working/Next Target Grade 1** = very good progress

**Working/Next Target Grade 3** = satisfactory progress

**Working/Next Target Grade 6** = limited progress

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- Information on **Progress, Behaviour, Effort and Homework**.
- Please note that **Behaviour and Effort** only are included for Core PE and RE.

Your son/daughter may be following courses at both National 5 and National 4 or 3 level. It is therefore important to read the reports with the information included in this letter to ensure a full understanding of how your son/daughter is progressing in these courses, and the estimates that will be submitted to the SQA.

Please note, we strongly encourage you to discuss this report with your son/daughter to help him/her to take ownership of his/her learning.

Pupils following courses at National 5 level will have the opportunity to discuss the estimate grades with their teachers and be aware of what their next steps should be as part of their focussed study preparation prior to the SQA exams.

The Study Support Programme is well underway, and we would ask that you encourage your child to attend these sessions for extra support in preparation for their exams. The full programme can be found on the school's website. We also intend to run an Easter Supported Study Programme in the first week of the school holidays. More information will be shared in due course.

If you have any questions about any of the information in this report, please don't hesitate to contact your son's/daughter's Year Head, Mr Lindsay.

We would encourage you to keep up to date with all school events/news and curricular information by following us on twitter feed **@HolyRoodRCHigh** and accessing our school website **www.holyrood.edin.sch.uk**.

Yours sincerely

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