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Dear Parent

SQA EXAMS 2020-21

You may be aware of the announcement yesterday by John Swinney, Deputy First Minister, that there will be no final external exam or coursework, supplied and marked by SQA, for National 5 courses.

In lieu of exams, the certification of National 5 courses will be based on estimates. These will be derived from teacher judgement supported by evidence that has been gathered throughout the session. SQA will be providing some of the assessment resources which will form part of this judgement. It is therefore crucial that all pupils continue to work as hard as they can and ensure that all deadlines are met. It is important to acknowledge that not every activity will be gathering evidence and pupils in S4 should see this as an opportunity to build a story of progress throughout the year.

The final exams for Higher and Advanced Higher are due to run from Thursday 13 May 2021 until Friday 4 June 2021. Once a published timetable is available, we will inform pupils and parents. As it remains uncertain, all pupils in the senior phase must ensure that all work reflects their best efforts.

As we work through this process and further advice and information is released we will endeavour to keep you updated.

In the meantime, please contact your child's Guidance teacher should you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

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