

Dear Parent/carer

**SQA Exam Diet**

You will now be fully aware the exam diet for 2020 has been cancelled. Inevitably this means there will be some uncertainty for our young people who were preparing for exams. I want to reassure you and your children that teachers, who know your children best as learners, will be doing everything they can to ensure they are awarded their best possible qualification(s). Part of what teachers do already is to gather ongoing evidence throughout the year for completing courses for qualifications. This includes completing coursework, assignments and folios.

Our teachers will work hard to use all available evidence to support their professional judgement to give accurate predictions. I want to emphasise that there is no need for your child to be in school to complete work. We now know following the updated announcement by the SQA on 24 March that certification will be based on predicted attainment, coursework and assessment from throughout the year. The results will be shared with young people, as normal, in August and not before.

The SQA will provide further details on the estimation of grades as soon as possible and they will inform us of what they will need from teachers and the approach that will be taken to certification. At this stage I would ask you not to contact your child's school as we are still awaiting further instructions from SQA.

Skills Development Scotland Staff will continue to offer careers advice and support to young people through remote delivery using Glow.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Catherine Thomson".

Catherine Thomson  
Quality Improvement Officer.