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Dear Parent/Carer

I am sure you need no reminding that as a parent/carer of a senior school student, we are required to send Provisional Grades to the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) for all young people in S4, S5 and S6 by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021. We intend to begin the process of sending this information to the SQA from Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021.

In the meantime, we wish to provide all of our young people in S4, S5 and S6 with a final Tracking Report which will identify the Provisional Grades awarded in each of their subjects. This will be issued to young people on the afternoon of Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June. For young people who have now left school, they will be asked to come to collect their results between 3.00 - 4.00pm. They should enter and exit through the doors of the Assembly Hall. Please note that face coverings are still mandatory.

Tracking Reports that are not collected on Monday afternoon will be sent out by post.

All young people will have the opportunity to meet privately with their Pupil Support Teacher on either Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> or Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, who will explain to the young person how the Provisional Grades were decided. Please note: this is neither a discussion nor a debate regarding any of the Provisional Grades awarded; rather, an explanation for the young person of how their Provisional Grades were arrived at. (Please see attached for further information).

A Provisional Grade is based on the teacher's complete judgement of the candidate's demonstrated attainment across both rounds of Assessment. Not only has there been a robust Quality Assurance process involving all staff in Stranraer Academy, it has also involved colleagues from other schools across Dumfries and Galloway and, in some cases, North and South Ayrshire.

The Provisional Grades we will award each young person, for each of their subjects, will be based on the young person's best evidence, produced under SQA controlled

conditions, and therefore, ensuring the best Provisional Grade the young person could achieve.

All young people will receive their SQA certificate by post, email or text on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

The SQA have recently completed a consultation on the Appeals process which will operate this year. This information is now available on the SQA Website:

<https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/79049.html>.

Should your son/daughter wish to appeal the award of a Provisional Grade/Final Grade, you have the right to appeal directly to the SQA for free, and can register that you wish to do so from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

In the meantime, may I thank all of our parents/carers for their continued support of all we do in Stranraer Academy for the benefit of our young people.

Best wishes

Alicia Reid  
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