



Breadalbane Academy

S4-6 Assembly

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Assembly Focus

- SQA arrangements for session 2021 / 2022



SQA Update

- SQA exams will take place from **26 April to 1 June 2022** with results day on **9 August 2022**.
- While detailed planning for delivering exams is now underway, it is also important that SQA, along with the whole education system, plans for any further disruption that may happen due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Assessment, moderation, tracking and reporting

- All pupils are studying between 4 and 7 National Qualifications (no further course choice changes to be made)
- September – target setting / learning conversations
- October – Tracking Window 1 – Reports home with comments from teachers and a current working grade.

The working grade is the grade that at this time the assessment evidence gathered, the professional judgement of the teacher and ongoing moderation activities would indicate a pupil is on track to achieve. The working grade may change depending on pupils' progress and performance across the remainder of the term and in relation to the various assessments that will be undertaken.

Assessment, moderation, tracking and reporting

- December – Tracking Window 2 – Reports home with a current working grade. Parent contact appointments.
- January – prelim examinations (Planned start 10th January for 2 weeks)
- February – Tracking Window 3 - Reports home with comments from teachers and a current working grade
- March – Final changes to level of entry for SQA National Qualifications. Supplementary assessments.
- April – SQA exams begin

SQA Contingency Plans

National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher assessments in 2021-22

- Modifications to the assessment requirements for each National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher course were announced in June
- By the **end of August 2021** SQA will publish 'modification summary documents' that provide more detail on the 2021-22 modifications and explain the assessment requirements for this year.
- If there is further significant disruption to learning and teaching this session, appropriate additional support measures for learners will be put in place to ensure that **exams can still go ahead**. For some courses this could include, for example, advance notice of some topics which will feature in exams.

SQA Contingency Plans

In the event of significant changes to public health conditions at exam time

- If changes to public health advice mean that large gatherings of people are no longer permitted in April to June, and exams are cancelled, SQA will ask teachers to use their **professional judgement of assessment evidence** to determine learners' grades, based on the work that learners have already completed throughout the year.
- To prepare for this scenario, teachers will continue to gather examples of learners' work and keep a **record of any assessments** that take place throughout the session, for example **prelims, practical performances or class tests** that provide an appropriate degree of challenge, integration and application of the key knowledge and skills of each National Course.