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CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Margo Williamson

Dear Parent/Carer

SQA Contingency Plans for Senior Phase pupils

I want to reassure you that we at MHS are in a very good position to support your child(ren) in this distressing period and the cancellation of the SQA 2020 diet of Exams. As you know our attainment over the last 6 years has been very good and we have a reputation as a high attaining school. We also have statistical evidence to prove how well our pupils have done previously and at present. The SQA Chief Executive, Fiona Robertson, has written to me to explain that she has been asked by the Deputy First Minister to develop an alternative certification model. What I can say now is that we will ensure we have as much information on the achievements of learners as possible. This includes:

- **Coursework** for example assignments and projects completed under exam conditions in school and submitted to SQA for marking
- **Estimated grades** provided by teachers drawing on available evidence gathered throughout the year to include class assessments and prelims
- **Prior attainment information**
- **Professional Judgement**

If we are aware of extenuating circumstances which have affected your child this session, these will be taken in to consideration.

For the period that pupils are not in school, may I direct you to the school website and any Glow Teams that have been set up by staff. There is also a presentation on how to use Glow. My advice is that pupils should on a daily basis for routine purposes:-

- Keep normal school hours
- Follow their regular school timetable of subjects, taking ten minute breaks between periods if necessary
- Consolidate S4, S5 or S6 Coursework, unit by unit, using the Learning Scientists study materials available on our website e.g. for Higher Biology "Metabolism and Survival" – learn content using Dual Coding
- Use materials available online to start preparing for courses chosen next session
- Follow the daily Mental Health Twitter page which is currently being developed by Claire Morrison
- Use Mr Paterson's Instagram to aid mental health and physical wellbeing - workouts_by_dp

If you have any queries, in the first instance contact your child's guidance teacher, but if it is specifically about SQA then contact me personally.

Yours sincerely

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