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Dear Parent/Carer,

You will have been aware that John Swinney, Deputy First Minister, made an announcement on Tuesday 11th August regarding the exam results and impact that this will have.

In summary the main points which may impact your child are:

- *All results which were downgraded this year "will be withdrawn".*
- *Candidates whose teacher estimated grades were increased will not have them downgraded.*
- *Schools will be advised by 21st August of the revised results from SQA and new certificates will be issued in due course.*
- *SQA will provide new grades to UCAS, College and University Admissions bodies and Scottish Government will ensure enough places in colleges and universities so that all places awarded to young people can be taken up.*
- *There is no longer the need for the extended appeals process which had been put in place but there remains the need for the option for an appeal in some circumstances and detail on this will be set out by Friday 21st August.*

At this stage it will be possible for the new S5/S6 pupils to speak directly with their teachers at appropriate points in the day, to obtain estimate grades submitted to SQA. Until we receive further guidance from the Scottish Government, we cannot process any appeals. Please be patient with us while we await the guidance due to be released on 21st August, we will be in contact with an update.

Thank you for your patience and continued support,

Kind regards,

Mrs Hayley Ross
Depute Head Teacher & SQA Co-Ordinator