



Dear Grove N5 candidate,

NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS 2021 - NATIONAL 5 ASSESSMENT UPDATE

I wrote to you recently to provide you with important information on the approach to assessing your progress and attainment this year. I mentioned that I would update you if there were any changes, depending on any further SQA guidelines.

We are now aware that the provisional results need to be in to SQA by Friday 28th May 2021. This allows us a little more time to collect the evidence required. Please remember that this year National 5 awards will be professional teacher judgement based on evidence, subject to SQA quality assurance. I have therefore decided to push the third assessment window for most subjects, except for English and History, back to April, after the Easter holidays, to allow more time for learning and teaching and to collect enough evidence for all candidates to ensure you get the best grade possible.

As I stated in my last letter, your class teachers will be monitoring your progress throughout the session.



TYPE OF ASSESSMENT	WHY?
<p>1. Short formative or diagnostic assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ongoing throughout the session ● completed during class time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To check your knowledge and understanding of a particular topic/unit. ● To help you develop a skill required in the subject. ● To help you to learn and revise course content at a gradual pace. This avoids last minute cramming and stress. ● To capture your progress over time. ● To identify gaps in your knowledge and understanding so that you can improve. ● To back-up your Working Grade in reports.
<p>2. Assessment Windows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● there will be no study leave ● within the dates below. ● completed during class time ● school timetable will be issued 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To assess the application of your skills, knowledge and understanding across the course, possibly using unseen SQA questions. ● To allow you to experience formal examination conditions. ● To provide evidence to determine your final estimate grade for the SQA.

Please note that if you are absent due to self-isolating, alternative dates will be arranged for you to sit assessments.

Your teachers will keep you informed of arrangements relating to your subjects e.g. practicals in Music, Drama and PE.

ASSESSMENT WINDOWS	DATES
National 5 - 1	Monday 7 December to Friday 18 December inclusive
National 5 - 2	Monday 1 February to Thursday 11 February inclusive
National 5 – 3a	English: 10 & 12 March 2021 (S4) 10 & 15 March (S5/6) History: 4C – 17 March; 4F -19 March
National 5 – 3b	Monday 19 April to Friday 30 April 2021

A revised schedule will be available in the New Year.

I hope that you find this information helpful. Please note that these arrangements may be subject to change, depending on any further amendments to SQA guidelines.

Your success is so important to me and to all of the staff. All of the procedures detailed above are designed to support you and give you every chance of attaining your very best.

Wishing you every success.

Please, stay safe and well!

Yours sincerely,



Graham W Hutton
Rector

