

# Bannockburn High School

## SQA Results 2019

Please find below useful information for your SQA results:



Issue	Information	Action
<b>SQA Results</b>	You will receive your Scottish Qualifications Certificate by first-class mail on Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2019	
<b>My SQA</b>	The SQA provides this service to answer common questions. If pupils had wanted to receive their exam results by email and text on Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2019 they should have activated their MySQA account at <a href="http://www.mysqa.org.uk">www.mysqa.org.uk</a> by 5pm on Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2019 5pm.	Telephone: 0345 279 1000 Email: <a href="mailto:customer@sqa.org.uk">customer@sqa.org.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.sqa.org.uk">www.sqa.org.uk</a>
<b>Future Career</b>	If pupils need advice about their future career pathway, such as apprenticeships or going to college or university – they should make a free call to the <b>Skills Development Scotland [SDS] Exam Results Helpline</b> or visit the website.  For pupils returning to school, pupils can talk to their Pupil Support Teacher, Year Head or Career's Advisor Rosanna Ciccu.	Telephone: 0808 100 8000 [8am to 8pm]  Website: <a href="http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/examresults">www.myworldofwork.co.uk/examresults</a>  On return to school, pupils should see their Pupil Support Teacher or arrange an appointment with Rosanna Ciccu, the Careers' Advisor.
<b>SQA-Post Results Service</b>	The SQA Appeals Service no longer exists. A post-result service has been introduced for candidates where the school believe that there is a reasonable possibility that an error may have occurred. It is not sufficient for a pupil to believe their final grade should have been higher.	SQA Frequently Answered Questions: <a href="http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/Results-Service_FAQs_web.pdf">http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/Results-Service_FAQs_web.pdf</a>  To request the exceptional circumstance of a Post-Results referral: Email: <a href="mailto:bannockburnhs@stirling.gov.uk">bannockburnhs@stirling.gov.uk</a>

	<p>Please be aware that requests to the SQA Post-Results Service will only be made in exceptional circumstances in the belief that there has been an error in the marking of the exam paper. For further details, please refer to the SQA Frequently Answered Questions for the Post-Results Service.</p> <p>The Post Results Service involves a clerical check and/or a marking review of the examination paper [no alternative evidence is sent to SQA]. In particular, a clerical check and/or marking review will not be requested where:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The candidate has not passed one or more of the component Units of the course.</li> <li>2. The candidate's final award is broadly in line with the estimate previously submitted to SQA by the school</li> <li>3. The final award is within the same Grade as that predicted by the assessment evidence held by the school [i.e. achievement of band 2 is a Grade A and no request can be made to upgrade this to band 1 which is also Grade A].</li> <li>4. The candidate's performance has shown inconsistencies during the year such that the final award falls within the range of performance evidenced.</li> </ol> <p>Decisions around eligibility for the Post-Results Service will be taken by the Head Teacher based on advice by the relevant Faculty Principal Teacher, in conjunction with the SQA Co-ordinator, Mr Millar.</p> <p>It is worth noting, this check/review can lead to grades either <b>remaining the same</b>, going <b>up OR down</b> and</p>	<p>Please provide the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name of pupil</li> <li>• Form Class</li> <li>• Subject and level</li> <li>• Type of request: clerical check or marking review</li> <li>• Reason for requesting review</li> </ul> <p>Requests will be considered on 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2019.</p> <p><b>Urgent Requests:</b> if a request to the Post Results Service has a bearing on a pupil entering a University course [i.e. UCAS conditional exam results] then please mark your email "Urgent Request" and provide the following additional piece of information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University applied for [i.e. Glasgow]</li> <li>• Course applied for at University [i.e. Law]</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Requests for Priority Marking review must be submitted to the school by 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019 so the school can communicate this to SQA by 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019.</i></b></p>
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	<p>parents will be required to sign a disclaimer to indicate that this is understood before the school would proceed.</p> <p>A request cannot be submitted if the candidate has already been through the Exceptional Circumstances Consideration Service. Referrals to this service will be bound by Stirling Council's Post-Results Service policy.</p>	
<b>Bannockburn High School Support</b>	<p>If you require additional support regarding any issue that has <b>NOT</b> been covered above then please contact the school via email with your enquiry. Most commonly this will be if a pupil has not received their SQA Certificate.</p> <p>Mr Millar will speak with those pupils who require a change of subject course / level on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019. A sheet will be available at the school office to complete from results day 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019.</p> <p>In addition Mr Millar will be in school post results day to discuss potential subject coursing. The date of the will be intimated to pupils and parents / carers during the summer holidays.</p>	<p>Email: <a href="mailto:bannockburnhs@stirling.gov.uk">bannockburnhs@stirling.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Please state pupil name and Form Class.</p>
<b>UCAS: University places and getting new courses</b>	<p>Pupils can track if they have been accepted for their University course on the UCAS Apply website: <a href="http://www.ucas.com/apply">www.ucas.com/apply</a></p> <p>If pupils do not get the results they need for the course they applied for they can look for new courses in the <b>CLEARING</b> system.</p> <p><i>Please see below for further information about the UCAS Clearing system.</i></p>	<p>UCAS Apply website: <a href="http://www.ucas.com/apply">www.ucas.com/apply</a></p> <p>The UCAS website also tells pupils all they need to know about clearing: <a href="http://www.ucas.com">www.ucas.com</a></p> <p><b>UCAS Helpline: 0871 468 0468</b> for expert help and advice.</p>

<p><b>UCAS: Clearing System</b></p>	<p><b>UCAS: Clearing system</b></p> <p><b>How Clearing works</b>  The idea is you identify courses (with vacancies) that interest you and contact the course providers (ie Universities) directly to see if they will offer you a place. You will know you are in Clearing if your Track status says <b>'You are in Clearing'</b> or <b>'Clearing has started'</b>.</p> <p>If your Track does not say either of these yet, it might just be waiting for your results to update – get in touch with the universities/colleges if it is taking a while – they might still be considering you, even if your results are a bit lower than required.  If you originally only applied for one course (for the reduced fee of £18) you'll have to pay an additional £6 to enable you to apply for multiple courses.</p> <p><b>See what courses are available</b>  The official vacancy list is online. Consider different subjects – you do not have to stick with your original ideas.</p> <p>The online list is updated continually – you might not find the exact unis/colleges/courses you're looking for – some might be full, but some might get vacancies later on, so keep checking back.</p> <p><b>Talk to any universities or colleges you are interested in.</b></p> <p>Give them your <b>Clearing number</b> (located on the welcome and choices pages in Track), and your Personal ID number which will let them see your application online.</p>	
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	<p>Ask if they will accept you – they might reconsider you (maybe even for the same course) even if you applied to them earlier in the year.</p> <p>Get informal offers over the phone – maybe from a variety of universities and colleges – then decide which you want to accept.</p> <p>Take a look around – if you have time it is the best way to see what a university/college is like – most will be happy to meet you and show you around.</p> <p><b>Add a Clearing course in Track</b> Click <b>Add clearing choice</b> and fill in the course details by the date the university/college gave you on the phone.</p> <p>This counts as you definitely accepting the offer, so if they confirm it will show as an acceptance on the choices page of Track and you will be sent a confirmation letter. Please only add a Clearing choice once you have had confirmation from the university that they are happy to consider you.</p> <p>You can only add one choice at a time, but if the university/college does not confirm your place you will be able to add another.</p>	
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## Stirling Council Guidance: SQA Results Services

### Parental Information for SQA Qualifications 2019

#### *An update about qualifications from 2019*

2017 is the fourth year of the Curriculum for Excellence (CfE) qualifications called Nationals, the third year of new CfE Highers and the second year of new CfE Advanced Highers. All pupils in fourth year (S4) are being presented for Nationals. Pupils in fifth (S5) and sixth (S6) year will be studying a mixture of qualifications, mainly Highers, Advanced Highers and Nationals.

Nationals can be roughly equated to the former Standard Grade and Intermediate examinations according to the table below.

National	Equivalent previous qualification	SCQF levels
National 1	Access 1	1
National 2	Access 2	2
National 3	Access 3 / Foundation	3
National 4	Intermediate 1 / General	4
National 5	Intermediate 2/ Credit	5

Nationals are assessed throughout the year in a variety of ways by using coursework, end of unit tests, folio work and assignments. These assessments are rigorously verified by SQA throughout the year. The only pupils who are required to sit an external examination in S4-6 are those working towards National 5 qualifications or above.

#### *How are the qualifications graded?*

Nationals 1 to 4 are graded as a pass or fail. National 5 is graded A, B, C or D and 'No Award': grades A to C indicate a pass and grade D indicates an achievement at SCQF Level 5. Highers and Advanced Highers are graded A-D and No Award, with A-C indicating a pass.

#### *Will my child get examination leave?*

Examination leave will remain universal for S5 and S6 pupils, as they will be sitting external examinations for most of the qualifications they are studying.

Due to the changes in the examination processes outlined above, exam leave will not be automatic for pupils in S4. S4 pupils who are studying **at least three** National 5 qualifications **will have full exam leave** regardless of when their examinations take place. They will return to school at the beginning of June for the start of their S5 timetable.

Schools will make individual arrangements to best support S4 pupils who are studying **one or two** and those who **are not studying any** National 5 qualifications. In Wallace High School, pupils who are studying one or two National 5 courses will be entitled to **five working days of study leave** before each individual exam.

Pupils who are eligible to leave school at the end of S4 will remain on the school register until 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017.

### ***Will we be able to appeal an examination result?***

**No**, there are **no** appeals for **any** examinations.

## **Results Service**

An updated service called the results service has been put in place. The results service has two main purposes, namely “exceptional circumstance consideration” and “post results service”.

### **Exceptional Circumstance Consideration.**

An **exceptional circumstance** return can be made for pupils too ill to attend their external examination (a doctor’s note to support this submission would be useful) or those who have an exceptional reason for being unable to sit the examination (eg. representing the country in a sporting event, an official letter detailing the event should be provided to support this submission).

Where a school makes an exceptional circumstance submission they will collate evidence from that pupil for **the whole course**, pre and post prelim examination. The SQA will consider the quality of the pupil work and will compare it to the estimates from the school in that subject at that level. A decision will be made and the pupil result will appear on the pupil’s SQA certificate in August.

If your child is too ill to attend an exam we would ask that you:

- Contact the school on the morning of the exam or prior to the exam if the illness is evident then. The school will then collate your child’s work for the submission.
- Any doctor’s letter should be submitted to the school at the latest **5 days** after the date of the exam.

In any other exceptional circumstance please inform the school with the supporting documentation as soon as you can, this will allow the school to make the submission swiftly.

All material for exceptional circumstance submissions **must** be with the SQA **10 days** after the date of the examination.

## **Post Results Service**

The **post results service** has been introduced as a way for schools to ask for pupil scripts to be remarked.

The SQA have rigorous quality assurance procedures in place to ensure that all scripts are consistently marked to the highest standard and that the final mark is correct.

Schools can, if they believe there to be an anomaly in marking, ask the SQA to review the marking of a group of or an individual pupil’s script(s). This will entail the script having its marking checked and the overall marks re-totaled.

**There is no supporting evidence of the pupil's attainment submitted to support this marking review.**

Only in extremely unusual circumstances will a school request a marking review, an example of which may be a whole subject area receiving grades the school does not agree with. Requesting a marking review **does not involve submitting supporting evidence that the pupil could have done better, it only reviews the script from the day.**

It is important to acknowledge that as a result of a marking review, if grades are changed, they can be changed **down** as well as **up**. As this has the potential to adversely affect your child's grade, you will be asked for your permission prior to a marking review being requested, without this permission the school will not proceed with the request. It should also be noted that **parental request does not guarantee a marking review**. The subject Faculty Manager will be consulted before a review is considered.