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Dear parent/carer

I am writing to bring to your attention some information dates and reporting changes regarding our session 2017/18 starting in August.

SQA exam Post Result Service

SQA examination results are issued to all young people on 8th August 2017. Detailed information was issued to you via schoolbag mail in April regarding the process of the SQA Post Results Service should you feel that this is something that is appropriate. This letter is on our website and details both the SQA requirements and Stirling Council policy regarding the Post Results Service. **I would ask that for priority marking queries you contact the school by the 14th August 2017 as the SQA deadline is the 18th August, and for all other queries you contact the school by 23rd August as the SQA deadline is 29th August 2017.** I will be available to discuss any Post Results Service queries from Wednesday 9th August to Friday 11th August between 9.00am-12.00pm and would urge you to contact me at this time. If you are unable to do this, then please contact me when our new session starts on the 21st August 2017.

S4-6 Change of SQA Course/ Level

It is not anticipated that young people will require to change any courses that they have already selected to study next session. However, if due to unexpected results your son/ daughter feels that it is necessary to change course/ level I would urge you to contact the school prior to the start of next session. With this in mind Mrs McLoughlan (DHT Curriculum) will be available to provide advice with any curriculum queries from Wednesday 9th August to Friday 11th August between 9.00am-12.00pm. Young people will be welcomed on a first come first served basis.

Changes in Reporting for session 2017-18

At Stirling High School, we are continually striving to review our current procedures and improve all areas of our school. We have decided to change our Senior Phase reporting structure and also add to our current reporting model for pupils in our Broad General Education phase.

Senior Phase

After a successful pilot this session focussing on providing shorter, more regular reports within three curricular areas the overwhelming feedback from pupils, parents and staff was that this provided more useful attainment progression information regarding pupil progress throughout the year. We have therefore decided to change our reporting cycle from one very detailed annual written report to more regular shorter reports. Specific dates for the timing of these reports will be issued in due course as part of our annual school calendar. We hope that you find these changes beneficial to monitoring the progress your son/ daughter is making and helpful when engaging with them in their learning throughout the school year.

Stirling High School is a community where we are committed to doing our best. We REACH out to support everyone through developing resilience, ethos, achievement, community and health. Our school aims create the support and environment for our young people to be the best that they can be.

Broad General Education

As part of our continued focus on promoting positive behaviour within our school we have been working hard this year to develop an improved system using a Merits and Demerits system focussing on acknowledging hard work, commitment and achieving the school values, and using the Demerits to record where young people are not meeting our school expectations. We recognise the importance of both Merits and Demerits being issued effectively and consistently from teachers and have decided that we will issue an update for your son/daughter every 4-6 weeks in order to improve our engagement with parents and to give you regular feedback on how your son/daughter is progressing. We hope that you will find this information useful and it will help to have meaningful conversations about how your son/daughter is progressing at Stirling High.

I hope that you find the above information useful and if you would like to discuss anything mentioned in more detail please do not hesitate to contact me directly at the school. I thank you for your support throughout this year.

Yours faithfully

Ally Macleod
Depute Head Teacher