



Weekly Update

Today's Notices:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> S5/6 Learners' agreements Exam Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SQA Appeals |
|---|---|

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your continued support during another busy, but successful week. We will be sharing one more update with you on Wednesday morning to mark the end of the year, but today's notices are reminders and information for our Senior Pupils.

If you or your child have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Miss Claire Meakin, Head Teacher (claire.meakin@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk)

S5/6 Learners' agreements. (Mr Ewing)

A big thank you to all of the parents and carers who have signed their child's S5/6 Learners Agreement. All parents can see the expectations we have for our senior pupils by following the link to [the agreement](#). Each S5/6 pupils needs to ensure their signed agreement is returned to Mr Ewing by Tuesday 2nd July.

This year SQA results will be sent to pupils on Tuesday 6th August.

Exam Support @KGS August 2024

To support pupils as their exam results come out, and to help those who are looking to recourse or have questions about career paths, there will be help available in school:

- Mr Ewing – SQA Coordinator. Tuesday 6th – Thursday 8th August, 9am to 1pm
- Mrs Firth, Guidance Manager and Ms Taylor, Principal Teacher. Tuesday 6th August, 9am to 1pm

Guidance Appointments. Guidance staff will be taking appointments where arrangements and discussions over change of courses can take place on the afternoon of Monday 19 August. Appointments can be made by contacting the school office from Tuesday 6 August onwards.

Skills Development Scotland. Exam results support is available from SDS Careers Advisers in local careers centres. The Kirkwall centre can be contacted on 01856 872460 on Tuesday 6th August. Pupils can also drop into the Kirkwall centre at 2 Albert Street between 2pm and 4pm. There is also a national helpline staffed by trained careers advisers on 0808 100 8000

SQA Appeals 2024

Appeals 2024 is a free service that pupils can use if they have concerns about a grade (or grades) on their results certificate. If a pupil appeals their grade, a senior marker will carry out a marking review of their SQA-marked assessments. *This is not a re-mark.*

A marking review checks that:

- all parts of your SQA-assessments have been marked;
- the marking is in line with national standards;
- the marks given for each answer have been totalled correctly; and
- the correct result has been entered on our system.

Please note that after being reviewed, *results could stay the same, go up or go down.*

Pupils can appeal directly to us or ask their school to do this for them. The service will open on Results Day, Tuesday 6 August at 9am, and the learner direct submission deadlines are:

- Tuesday 13 August at 11:59pm for priority appeals
- Tuesday 27 August at 11:59pm for all other appeals

An appeal can be prioritised if a pupil has a conditional place at university or college, or in training or employment that depends on their grade.