



## Senior Phase Evidence Gathering FAQ



As we approach the end of term and our evidence gathering, we understand that you will have a range of questions relating to SQA and the National qualifications. Below are answers to the most common questions that we have been asked. We hope that these will reassure you. If your question is not covered here, please contact us and we will try our best to support.

### *“Please provide an overview of evidence gathering”*

As you are already aware, The Scottish Government has now decided that National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher exams will not go ahead this school session. This is due to continued impact of Covid-19 and the need to ensure that there is fairness and equity for all of Scotland's young people who have been impacted as a result.

Provisional results will be based on a range of evidence that is gathered across each subject. The majority of evidence will be gathered through class tests under controlled conditions. Some courses will also have a practical element or folio piece to be completed alongside class tests.

From the evidence gathered, class teachers will provide the SQA with **provisional results** for each young person. This means they will tell the SQA what grade they should be awarded for each of their courses.

Information related to each subject can be accessed on our website by clicking [here](#).

***“How will teachers decide provisional results? Will work that young people do in class and at home count towards them?”***

Provisional results will be based on a range of evidence that young people gather across each of their subjects between now and the deadline when grades have to be submitted to SQA. This is most likely to be in the format of a class test in most cases.

Work completed throughout the year that matches the criteria from the SQA guidelines can also be used as supplementary evidence. For example, completing a test under exam conditions in class.

The range of evidence will depend on the subject and how this is assessed. Further information about each subject and how they gather evidence can be found on the SQA website by clicking [here](#).

The SQA is clear that the evidence of most value will be:

- Normally gathered as late in the course as possible to give the young person the best chance to show the progress they have made.
- Gathered using assessment that is of the same level of challenge as the SQA final assessment would be.

***“When is the deadline for evidence gathering?”***

SQA have set a deadline for schools entering provisional grades by 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021. In order to ensure accuracy and support moderation processes, we will be in a position to provide provisional grades week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021. This ensures that we provide our young people with as much time to complete their evidence as possible.

Provisional grades will be issued in the format of an Interim report that will be sent to all parents/carers via email. A copy will also be issued to each young person.

***“Will teacher's provisional grades be the grade awarded in August 2021?”***

Throughout the evidence gathering stages, teachers will share with each young person how they are progressing, as they normally would. This should mean that there are no surprises when teachers confirm the provisional results that will be submitted to SQA. Interim Reports will also be provided at key points to give an indication of progress to date.

SQA will do some further checks once they receive the provisional results and may ask the school to provide some evidence that the school has used to decide on provisional result. SQA will then make the final decision about the result. SQA has said they will not change any pupil's provisional result for a subject without seeing evidence from the school first.

***“How do I know that provisional results decided on by the school are fair?”***

It is very important that the process of deciding provisional results is fair and robust. Across East Dunbartonshire we have quality assured and moderated the range of evidence that teachers will gather and examine when deciding on provisional results. Each Department will also be involved in regular moderation within the school

Provisional results will be checked at a number of levels within the school and by East Dunbartonshire Council before they are confirmed to you and sent to SQA, to make sure they are a fair and accurate reflection of achievements.

***“If I think one or more of the provisional results is not fair, can it be appealed?”***

Yes. SQA have recently released information about the appeals process. You can access this by clicking [here](#).

***“When will the new timetable begin?”***

Our school timetable for next session will take place in August 2021.

***“What should I do if I have any further questions?”***

We would actively encourage you to get in touch as soon as you have any issues or concerns and we will strive to support wherever possible. Please contact your child's Guidance Teacher and/or complete the glow form by clicking [here](#) or scanning the QR code.

