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Dear Parent/Carer

SQA Qualifications 2021

Deputy First Minister, John Swinney, confirmed this week that Higher and Advanced Higher exams will not take place next year. In summary, National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher examinations will all be replaced by a system where grades are awarded based on coursework and teacher judgement. You can read full details here: <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/70972.html>

As a result of this announcement we will **not** be holding our traditional prelim diet. Instead, we will be having assessment windows throughout the period from January to May. The first of these for National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher will begin on 25th January. We are very much still at the planning stages, but would expect it to last no longer than three weeks.

This has been an uncertain time for our senior pupils, but we can now all move forward from this announcement. I would like to reassure you that the team at Moffat Academy will do everything they can to support them, whilst meeting the requirements of SQA. The timetable for after school study support can be found on our school website under the [Secondary+](#) tab - [Study Support](#). Our senior pupils are aware of our procedures for track and trace and the only ask we have is that they remember to scan the QR code when entering a study room.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Macfarlane
Head Teacher