



## SQA POST RESULT SERVICE

### Information for Parents

The following provides information about the SQA Post Results Service. If you feel that your son/daughter has failed to achieve their expected grades or that an error has occurred in the marking/totalling of the script, there is a form available on the school website that should be completed and submitted to Mr P. McCabe, SQA Co-ordinator – [pmccabe@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:pmccabe@aberdeencity.gov.uk)

Please note: there is **no longer any appeals process for SQA exams**. Most SQA exams are now marked digitally, reducing the chances of clerical error and are subject to stringent quality assurance processes, reducing the chances of inconsistencies in marking. Approximately 1 in 10 of all scripts is checked for accuracy by a senior marker. Instead of appeals, SQA now offer a post results service. This is available where there is **“clear and compelling evidence ... that an error may have occurred with the marking or totalling of marks in a candidate’s script”**.

The SQA offer the following Post Results Service options:

#### 1. CLERICAL CHECK – this ensures:

- All parts of their script have been marked
- The marks given for each answer on the script have been totalled correctly
- The correct total/result was entered into the system for that script (the system evaluates all the results received in the different parts of the Course, in order to calculate the final grade).

#### 2. MARKING REVIEW – this provides:

- A clerical check (same as the above)
- A Senior Examiner will review the marks that your son/daughter was given for each question/component/item in the exam paper, to check whether the original marking was in line with the national standard

#### 3. PRIORITY MARKING REVIEW – available only for candidates awaiting university or college entry:

- A clerical check (same as above)
- A senior Examiner will review the marks that your son/daughter was given for each question/component/item in the exam paper, to check whether the original marking was in line with the national standard
- An earlier result deadline for pending/urgent University or College entry

Oldmachar will submit a request if the criteria outlined by the SQA have been met. It is **not sufficient** for a candidate’s final award to be below the level anticipated by any estimate submitted to SQA or that achieved in a practice examination. The expectation is that there will be **“clear and compelling”** evidence from all aspects of assessment: class tests, unit tests, coursework and any prelim exam.

**Please note that the submission of a request does not guarantee that a review /check will be made, and that the final decision on submitting a request lies with the Head Teacher.**