**Marr College**

**SQA EXAMINATION RESULTS 2019**

Parents, carers and pupils are advised of the following arrangements at Marr College for any queries they may have following the SQA results day on **Tuesday 6August 2019.**

Mr N A McLean the SQA Co-ordinator will be in school on results day and pupils can come into school between 10.00am and 2.30pm to deal with any urgent queries. You can also contact Mr McLean using the school e-mail address [marr.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:marr.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

Ms McCallum will be available between 9.00am and 12.00pm on Wednesday 7 August 2019 and 10.00am and 1.00pm on Thursday 8 August 2019 to support pupils with subject re-opts in light of examination results. Please telephone the school office who will be able to book an appointment for you.

The school office will be open from 9.00am to 1.00pm and parents/pupils can call in on the normal school number 01292 690022.

**Post-results Services 2019**

The SQA provide a Post Results Service after exam results are sent out. These services support candidates where the school is concerned the grade may not be correct. This service is available to schools after results day on Tuesday 6 August 2018.

If a school is concerned by a candidate’s result in a subject, it can request a clerical check and/or a marking review of the candidate’s submissions for that subject.

**What is a Clerical Check?**

A clerical check is an administrative check that is designed to ensure that:

* all parts of the candidate’s submission have been marked and
* the marks given for each answer have been totalled correctly
* the correct result has been entered on SQA’s software

**What is a Marking Review?**

A marking review is undertaken by examiners and involves the consideration of a candidate’s materials submitted to SQA for marking to ensure that:

* all parts of the submission have been marked
* the marking is in line with the national standard
* the marks given for each answer have been totalled correctly, and
* the correct result has been entered on SQA’s software

A **Priority** **Marking Review** can be requested if the school believes there may be a marking error and the result may secure a place at university or college.

The closing date for priority marking review requests is **Friday** **16 August 2019** and pupils in this position must make contact with Mr McLean by **Thursday 15 August 2019** at the latest.

All requests for non-priority marking reviews will be dealt with once the school re-opens on **Monday 20 August 2019**. Consideration of marking review requests is subject to strict criteria being met and I detailed in the next section.

**Eligibility for Post Results Service**

Candidates are eligible for Post-results Services if they have been awarded a final grade based on materials for National Qualifications that were submitted to SQA for marking, except in the following cases:

* A penalty has been applied due to candidate malpractice
* An award has been reached using the Exceptional Circumstances Consideration Service. In these cases, a full review of all candidate materials will have been undertaken before certification
* A candidate has been certificated at grade A. Post-results Services are designed to address situations where the certificated grade result requires to be reviewed and there is no grade higher than an A

**Criteria for Post-results service**

In line with SQA guidance Marr College must ensure that access to the Post-results Service is done in a fair, equitable and consistent manner:

* Marr College will only submit Post-results Service requests where we are of the view that the candidate’s certificated grade is markedly at odds with the totality of assessment evidence gathered during the course, and that it is out of line with the performance of other candidates with similar profiles
* The decision on whether to submit a request will take into account all of the candidate’s work during the year and is not based solely on the estimate grade
* Post-results service requests will be normally only be considered where the candidate’s certificated grade is at least 2 bands lower than predicted based on the totality of assessment evidence for the course
* The final decision on whether to submit Post-results service requests will be taken by the Head Teacher in conjunction with the SQA Co-ordinator and the relevant subject Principal Teacher

Parents and pupils are advised that Post Results-service requests **will not** be made for any of the following reasons:

* a candidate’s entry to college or university is dependent on a re-grade
* a candidate’s component marks place their result close to a grade boundary
* the candidate or their parents offer to pay any costs arising from the request

**PLEASE NOTE: a Clerical Check or Marking Review can lead to a change of grade either up or down.**

**Key Dates**

Here is the timetable of submission deadlines and issue of results:

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| Post-results Services opens | 6 August 2019 |
| Priority marking review request deadline (for candidates with a current conditional university/college offer) | Friday 16 August 2019 |
| Results of priority marking reviews (and emailed to HEI contact) | Monday 26 August 2019 |
| Marking review and clerical check deadline | Tuesday 27 August 2019 |
| Results of clerical checks and marking reviews | Friday 27 September 2019 |
| Revised certificates posted to candidates and updated on MySQA | End of November 2019 |

**Further Information**

If would like further information on the SQA Post-results service please see the SQA website

<https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/79048.html>

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