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Our Ref: EP/CC

Date: 7 June 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

### **SQA Post Results Service**

There is now no appeals system as used to be the case every August following the publication of SQA results. This has been replaced by the Post Results Service. With this service we are able to request either a clerical check and/or a marking review of a candidate's script.

There is no consideration of 'alternative evidence', for example a prelim, with this service. The checks are there to ensure that an exam paper has been completely and correctly marked and that marks have been added up correctly.

The outcome of this is that a candidate's grade can either remain unchanged or go up or down.

#### Criteria for a Post Results Service submission

(from advice issued by the Association of Directors of Education in Scotland)

Speyside High will submit a request if it holds clear and compelling evidence that there is a reasonable possibility that an error may have occurred with the marking or totalling of marks in a candidate's script. It is not sufficient for a candidate's final award to be below the level anticipated by any estimate submitted to the SQA or that achieved in a prelim. There would have to be compelling evidence from all aspects of assessment that has taken place throughout the year. In particular, there will **not** be a request submitted for the following reasons:

- The candidate's final award is in line with the estimate submitted to the S.Q.A in March.
- The candidate's performance has shown inconsistencies during the year such that the final award falls within a range of performance evidenced.
- The candidate's original estimate has been found to be overly optimistic in the light of the actual performance of the cohort in the course assessment.

Speyside High is unable to submit a request on compassionate grounds or, for example, because entry to Higher Education is conditional on a particular award.

Decisions about the eligibility for the post results service will be taken by the Head Teacher based on advice from the relevant head of department and in conjunction with the Depute Rector with responsibility for SQA coordination.

If it is agreed that we should submit a request then written consent from both parent and pupil will be sought.

Date for Request Submissions/.



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Priority – 16 August

Others – 27 August

Due to the fact that Priority requests have to be made during the summer holidays, if you wish to discuss a priority request then please send an email to [PRS.SpeysideHigh@moray-edunet.gov.uk](mailto:PRS.SpeysideHigh@moray-edunet.gov.uk) clearly stating the name of the candidate and the subject.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter please contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

**Mr E Picksley**  
**Depute Head Teacher**



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