



Press Release

SQA EXAM SEASON GETS UNDER WAY

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Scotland's National Qualification examinations get under way tomorrow (Tuesday, May 5) when some 160,000 candidates in nearly 550 examination centres throughout the country will take the next steps towards enjoying the fruits of their academic labour over the past year.

The exams end on Friday June 12 and throughout the intervening five week period, when students, parents and teachers will be in a state of high academic alert, some 750,000 exams from Standard Grade to Advanced Higher will have been completed.

Dr Janet Brown, Chief Executive of the Scottish Qualifications Authority, in her formal role as Scotland's Chief Examining Officer, said:

"I send my very best wishes to all candidates and trust that they will achieve the results which their work and dedication deserve. Now, probably more than ever before, qualifications are invaluable to today's learners.

"SQA qualifications highlight educational achievement and capture our candidates' skills, thus providing them with a progression into further learning and work in the future," she said.

Examination results will be issued to Scotland's learners on Wednesday, August 5.

All candidates will receive their results by mail delivery to their homes in the traditional way. However, following a hugely successful introduction last year, candidates who register for the MySQA service will, additionally, receive their results by text and/or email between 8am and 9am on results day. Candidates must, though, have registered in advance by Thursday, July 16, through www.mysqa.org.uk. Candidates who registered last year do not need to do so again but are advised to check that their personal details are up to date.

Keith Brown MSP, Minister for Schools and Skills, said:

"I would like to pass on my best wishes to all the candidates involved in these exams and I hope that the time and effort they have invested in their studies proves successful. I would also like to thank the teaching staff and families across Scotland who have been giving the candidates strong support as they prepare for this key stage in their lives."

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