



Strathaven Academy

Key Assessment Programme

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The following two slides contain information that has been shared with all senior phase pupils at Strathaven Academy through virtual assemblies.



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In our key assessment programme, the following internal mitigations will be used to protect the security of assessments. You should be aware that failure to comply with these rules is SQA malpractice which can have serious repercussions for you:

1. **Mobile phones and all other smart devices including smart watches** should be placed in your bag at all times.
2. Your bag should be left at the front of the class, you should only have the required equipment with you at your desk, e.g. pen, pencil, rubber etc.
3. All assessment papers and completed work should remain in the class at the end of the assessment - no pupil can remove any assessment materials from the room.
4. If a peer asks you for help, you should tell them to speak to the teacher.
5. All work submitted must be your own work.



What if you break these rules?

Failure by a pupil to follow SQA and Strathaven Academy rules on the security of assessments can have serious consequences. If an investigation finds you have broken any rules, there may be a penalty.

SQA outlines that any penalty will depend on how serious the matter is and that the range of penalties can include the following:

1. Your marks can be reduced, or you can be awarded zero marks.
2. Your qualification for that subject can be cancelled.
3. All of your qualifications for the entire year can be cancelled.

If you follow the rules outlined on the previous slide and do the right thing, then you will not need to worry about these penalties that can potentially be used. Remember that your teachers are there to help you and you can always ask them for help and advice.