



Strathaven Academy
National Qualifications 2023
SQA Appeals Procedures

Pupils will receive their SQA results on Tuesday, 8 August 2023 and an appeals service will be available should they have concerns about their result. This process is significantly different to last year with the SQA stating that the purpose of appeals this year is to provide learners with the opportunity to appeal if they believe that an error may have occurred with either the totalling of marks or the marking process. Due to SQA guidelines for Appeals 2023, the school cannot provide the SQA with alternative evidence (e.g. prelims) to support an appeal.

Learners can appeal directly to SQA, or through the school from Tuesday, 8 August 2023. Should a pupil have concerns and believe an error may have occurred in the marking process, we recommend that they submit the Google Form linked at the bottom of this information letter to request that the school make an appeal to the SQA on their behalf. This will provide us with the opportunity to discuss the appeal and also seek parent/carer permission before the school processes an appeal. We would ask you not to visit or call the school to discuss appeals and instead complete the Google Form below should you wish appeal(s) to be made.

SQA recently distributed printed copies of the [Appeals 2023 information booklet](#) directly to learners to ensure they understand the appeals service. SQA has advised learners to speak to their teacher in the first instance if they have questions about their results or are considering submitting an appeal. We hope that the learner, parent/carer and school can work together to discuss the appeal, however it should be noted that the learner has the final say as to whether an appeal should be submitted to SQA.

Within the Google Form you will need to state the subject(s) you wish to appeal, your SQA result and outline your reason for wishing to appeal. There is a priority appeal service for learners requiring the outcome of an appeal for immediate progression to university, college, training, or employment. You will need to inform us on the Google Form if the appeal is eligible for the priority appeal service. All pupils returning to Strathaven Academy to continue their education should select the non-priority appeal service. On completion of the Google Form, we will be in contact with you in due course to discuss the next steps.

The SQA deadline for submitting a priority appeal is Monday, 21 August 2023. Candidates will hear the outcome of priority appeals by Monday, 4 September 2023.

For non-priority appeals, we must notify SQA by Friday, 1 September 2023. SQA has said candidates will hear the outcome of non-priority appeals by the end of October.

Please note that if an appeal is submitted to SQA the final grade awarded could improve, stay the same, or in some cases, go down.

Further information on the appeals process can be found on the SQA website [here](#).

Google Form to Request an Appeal

Please click [here](#) to access the Google Form.