

**THE JAMES YOUNG HIGH SCHOOL**  
**PARENT COUNCIL**

**MEETING**

**25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 @ 6pm**

Welcome & Introductions

Apologies

Approval of Previous Minutes

Head Teacher Report

Feed Back from meeting of Education Quality Assurance Committee on the Validated Self Examination (VSE)

Out of school care in Scotland - draft framework: consultation by Scottish Government – closing 6<sup>th</sup> December – information:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/out-school-care-scotland-draft-framework-2019/>

For Information/discussion if time permits:

SQA: The revised National qualifications have had unintended consequences as some candidates are now sitting more than 6 hours of exams in one day.

The Recognition of positive achievement has now been removed for the exam diet in 2020 onwards.

There has been an uncoupling of the N5 and N4 units and qualification.

In the qualification diet 18/19 there were 133000 certificates delivered by post, 47 431 emails of results were sent and 52 465 texts

There were 111249 external assessments and 94.2% of assessments were marked electronically.

There were 636 085 National course entries

At N5 A-c grades were up 0.8% to 78.2%

At H A-C grades dropped 2% to 74.8%

At AH A-C grades dropped 1.1% to 79.4%

There was a small increase in N4 entries by 3298.

Math entries were significantly up at N5.

History and Psychology are two of the subjects that contributed more significantly to the drop in the A-C at Higher.

The SQA also analysed how candidates performed on the latter parts of extended exams and how the candidate performed and could not detect any significant difference in performance with earlier questions.

