



## MacIntyre Academies Discovery Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will no doubt be aware, this year your young person will be sitting final examinations/assessments for their GCSE subjects, BTEC qualifications, Functional Skills and IDCL assessments.

We understand that this can be an uncertain and anxious time and as a school we aim to provide as much help and information as we can.

### **Key Dates for 2023-2024**

#### **Exams Series 2023-24**

- The exams for Discovery Academy will start on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024** and currently will end on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Individual timetables will be released in March 2024.
- There is a contingency date set by the JCQ in case of National emergency or any other disruption, which will be **26<sup>th</sup> June 2024**.
- It is vital that all students are available and in school as normal during this period as other assessments may need to take place.
- The GCSE results will be released on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 and students will be welcomed into school on this date to collect their results.
- If you are planning a holiday, please could we ask that you avoid taking it from Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April until 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024.
- Functional Skills exams in both English and Maths and IDCL units are taken throughout the academic year - see table below
- BTEC courses we deliver have either an exam unit or a performance/task-based unit that will be completed in school and sent away for moderation.
- Resits for BTEC external exams will be planned within the Summer exam timetable

#### **Other dates to note:-**

Date	Exam Series
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	<b>BTEC Sports @ 9.15am</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	<b>Functional Skills and IDCL</b>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	<b>BTEC Hospitality @9.15am</b>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024	<b>Functional Skills and IDCL</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	<b>Functional Skills and IDCL</b>
Throughout the year	<b>BTEC Performing Arts</b>

#### **Mock exams.**

We will run two periods of mock exams for students sitting GCSE subjects to prepare them for the summer series in 2024.

You will be notified by your young person's class team if they are entered for an assessment as soon as possible. Timetables will be issued to each student for both mock exams and formal exams.

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