

Subject: Re: SQA Higher examination timetabling clashes (Case Ref: DJ18597)
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Good morning,

I thought I would write with a quick update which I hope will be good news.

In response to several enquires from JGHS parents regarding the timetabling of the Higher Psychology exam I have been pushing SQA with several contacts, and also trying to secure a phone call with Chief Executive of SQA over the past few days. This morning I received the following information from SQA:

...we wrote to the Cabinet Secretary.....outlining an approach which SQA believes will provide a solution to the issue you have highlighted. This followed other similar enquires, and extensive communication and engagement with a number of educational stakeholders.

We will communicate the solution to centres and learners once we have agreement from the Cabinet Secretary. It would therefore be worthwhile to wait for this response before we can update you, to ensure you have the full information to provide to your constituent.

We understand the urgency of this matter and are committed to resolving these concerns as quickly as possible.

Obviously I cannot be sure that this response will be exactly the solution we are hoping for, but it seems optimistic to me. I will of course be back in touch as soon as I have further news.

Best wishes

Daniel

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Dear Mr Johnson,

We are writing on behalf of the Parent Council at James Gillespie's High School, in the hope that you can intervene with the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) about their scheduling of this year's Higher examinations.

Specifically we request that the SQA **avoids co-scheduling of Higher English and Higher Psychology** on 7 May 2025. A letter detailing our concerns is attached.

We would be most grateful if you could raise this issue on our behalf with the SQA as a matter of urgency, whilst there is still time to make a change. Whilst we acknowledge the challenge of scheduling the SQA exam diet, we **strongly request** that no other Higher examination is co-scheduled with Higher English, so that timetable clashes are minimised.

With all best wishes,

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