



Scottish Secondary Teachers' Association

## **SSTA Survey May 2021 (1710 responses)**

### **National Qualifications 2021 – Alternative Certification Model**

- **90% of teachers had been involved directly and 6% indirectly in the moderation/verification/quality assurance process this term**
- **20% of teachers believed that the Alternative Certification Model (ACM) was a fair and reasonable method of assessment**
- **76% of teachers said that teacher professional judgement should be the major factor in their assessment this year**
- **38% of teachers said that the demonstrated evidence should be the sole factor to be used in allocating grades this year**
- **36% of teachers believe the evidence that they have collected truly demonstrates their pupil's attainment**
- **78% of teachers had difficulties in collecting evidence that demonstrated their pupil's attainment**
- **98% of teachers said that the collection, marking and moderation of evidence has created substantial additional workload for them**
- **96% of teachers said that the collection, marking and moderation of evidence had created substantial additional stress/pressure for them**
- **64% of teachers used the exemplar exam papers in full provided by the SQA with a further 33% used parts of the papers.**

Pupils/...

## PUPILS

- Have any of your **pupils** missed time from your lessons this term?

Covid related absence	86%
Illness	90%
Teacher absence	40%
Demands from other subjects/teachers	62%
Stress	78%

- **75% of teachers said that their pupils had difficulties providing suitable evidence**
- **85% of teachers said the collection, marking and moderation of evidence created substantial additional workload for their pupils**
- **92% of teachers said that the collection, marking and moderation of evidence created substantial additional stress/pressure for their pupils**