



Executive Headteacher: Mrs L. A. Gwinnett

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Dear Students & Parents,

Creative iMedia Examination – Year 11

The letter sent that we sent to you earlier in the week included an update about BTEC examinations and this was written prior to Monday evening's guidance from the government. The announcement and subsequent information published by the government states that schools and colleges have the choice as to whether to cancel these exams. In the case of our students, this was due to take place next week.

Having reviewed the situation in school, on Health and Safety grounds and particularly due to the risk of virus transmission, the decision has been made to cancel the examination. This is in line with other providers both locally and nationally but has still been an incredibly difficult decision to make. We are acutely aware of the time and effort that both our students and staff have put into ensuring they can make the most of this assessment opportunity.

In terms of the next steps, such as BTEC assessments later in the academic year, we will update students and parents as soon as we have any further information from Ofqual. Whilst the exam is no longer taking place next week, students must complete the controlled assessment work that Mrs Walsh will be setting remotely over the next few weeks.

Also, please see the information shared by Pearson below:

<https://www.pearson.com/uk/about-us/news-and-policy/news/2021/01/btec-learner-update-on-examinations-going-ahead-5jan-2021.html>

- We will award a grade for any learner who is unable to take their exams and has enough evidence to receive a certificate that they need for progression.
- Learners unable to take their assessment this January may be able to take their assessment at a later date. If that is not possible, we will put in place arrangements to ensure you are not disadvantaged.

Yours faithfully,

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