

Friday, 15 January 2021

Dear Parent or Carer

Re: Year 11 Examinations February and March

On Wednesday the DfE announced that scheduled assessments for Vocational and Technical Qualifications (BTECs and OCR Nationals) will not take place in February or March this year. This means that pupils who were expecting to take exams in these subjects will be affected:

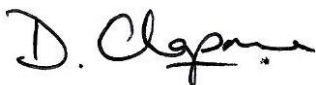
- Business Enterprise: due to take place on 1st February
- Travel and Tourism: due to take place on 3rd February
- Child Development: due to take place on 4th February

Ofqual also announced that it will start to consult on arrangements for issuing grades for regulated Vocational and Technical Qualifications, as well as arrangements for external assessments due to take place in June.

Therefore the arrangements are yet to be finalised and we are not in a position to advise on how your child will be awarded a grade, and the effect that the cancellation of these exams. However, as soon as guidance is issued we will contact you to explain more fully. We appreciate that this announcement may cause a degree of confusion, upset and anxiety with pupils; however, Ofqual have said that pupils will not be disadvantaged as a result of changes made during the pandemic.

In the meantime we ask that your child continues to engage fully with the online provision for these subjects. They are to follow their timetabled lessons as normal, and make sure they are accessing their lessons on Microsoft Teams. They should also use ClassCharts to access learning resources. I would like to remind all pupils that it is essential to stay up to date and participate fully in online learning.

Yours sincerely



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