



GUISELEY SCHOOL

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Year 10 Vocational Examinations

Dear Parent / Carer

As we enter the first full week of remote learning after the announcement from the Secretary of State for Education that this summer's examinations will not go ahead as originally planned, I am delighted that attendance at online learning sessions is above 95%. While Guiseley students continue to demonstrate an exceedingly high level of engagement, and we have had lots of positive feedback from parents and carers, for which we are truly grateful, it is frustrating that the national picture around examinations remains unclear.

In his statement the Secretary of State confirmed that GCSEs and A and AS Level exams will not go ahead this summer.

I have delayed writing to you in the hope that some further details would be forthcoming but it has become clear that we will need to wait for this information. There is currently no further information on the position regarding the cancelled Year 10 vocational examinations. Whilst we expect there will be teacher assessment for these exams, this is yet to be clarified.

In the meantime, we will continue to make the best use of time and continue to deliver the Year 10 curriculum. As the position changes and more becomes known, we will keep you updated and will ensure that our assessment plans for all exam year groups are in line with Ofqual requirements once they are confirmed. We will place students in the very best position possible through continued teaching of the curriculum and provision of practice opportunities, so they achieve grades which accurately reflect their understanding of the courses they study and the hard work they continue to put into their studies.

Yours faithfully

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