



ASTLEY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope that you and your families are safe and well and that our students have enjoyed their Easter break as much as possible under the circumstances.

We know that many Year 10 pupils were expecting to sit examinations this Summer. The government has made it clear that these examinations will now not go ahead.

We do not yet know what the exams regulator, Ofqual, intends to do about this. It is a complex picture, because different schools organise their curriculums differently to others. Some schools enter students for examinations in Year 10, whereas others enter students when they are in Year 11. By cancelling this year's examinations for Year 10, it could have implications for some schools who may now struggle to complete the teaching of their courses. This could create a variation in outcomes that would be unfair on some students.

I wanted to write to you to let you know that Ofqual are now consulting with schools and examination boards to better understand the situation so that they can put measures in place to ensure that no students or schools are disadvantaged by the cancellation of examinations.

At this stage, we do not want to speculate as to what action Ofqual might take, but when we have this information, we will communicate this with you at our earliest opportunity.

Yours Sincerely

Mr John Barnes
Executive Head Teacher