



# ASTLEY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

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6<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 12 Health & Social Care Exam - Monday 11th January 2021

As you will be aware your son/daughter has their OCR Cambridge Technical Health & Social Care examination on Monday 11th January at 9:30am. You will have received communication yesterday via school comms that the DFE had indicated that this exam would go ahead as planned for all students.

Since that communication was sent the DFE have now indicated that "schools and colleges can continue with the vocational and technical exams that are due to take place in January, where they judge it right to do so". As a school we have decided that the students will have the opportunity to sit this exam on Monday as planned.

We feel that it is important to give the students the opportunity to sit this exam as they have been working hard towards it since September. Rest assured that all of the relevant COVID safety measures have been put in place to make sure that the exams can take place in a safe environment.

However, as a school we fully appreciate that parents may not feel comfortable with their child sitting the exam in this current climate. Therefore if you do not want your son/daughter to sit the exam on Monday then parents must communicate this to school by sending an email to Mrs Gilhooley, the class teacher for Health & Social Care. Her email address is: [nat.gilhooley@svf.org.uk](mailto:nat.gilhooley@svf.org.uk)

We would request that parents email by 3:00pm on Friday 8th January 2021 if you **do not** wish your child to sit the examination. If we do not receive an email, we will assume that your child will be sitting the exam.

For any students who decide not to sit the exam on Monday the exam board have confirmed the following:

- We will certificate 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 no learner is disadvantaged.

For students who will be sitting the exam on Monday they need to arrive at the sports hall for 9:15am at the latest, with their equipment for the exam.

If you do not wish your child to sit the examination then we will fully support this decision.

Yours Sincerely

Mr John Barnes  
Executive Head Teacher  
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