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Dear Parent / Carer,

BTEC Travel/Health & Social Assessment Drop Down Days

As I am sure you are well aware, your child is currently studying a BTEC qualification in Travel & Tourism and/or Health & Social Care. This qualification is split over 3 components, 1 examination to be completed at the end of the course in Year 11 and two Pearson Set Assignments (PSA's). The PSA is similar to the old "controlled assessment" of previous years of which students need to complete 5 tasks under examination conditions. The first PSA is introduced to students the 1st week back after the February half term and results need to be submitted in April. This obviously is a very tight turnaround; therefore, we have introduced a subject specific drop-down day which we believe will support students to reach their full potential.

Travel & Tourism Schedule		Health & Social Schedule	
WC: 20/02/23	PSA introduced to students Assessment Preparation	WC: 20/02/23	PSA introduced to students
WC: 27/02/23	Assessment Preparation	WC: 27/02/23	Assessment Preparation
06/03/23 – 08/03/23	Year 10 Work Experience	06/03/23 – 08/03/23	Year 10 Work Experience
09/03/23	Travel PSA Date	10/03/23	Health & Social PSA Date
WC: 13/03/23	Catch up/Access Arrangement	WC: 13/03/23	Catch up/Access Arrangement
April (Date tbc)	Results need to be submitted to Edexcel	April (Date tbc)	Results need to be submitted to Edexcel

Due to this short turnaround, as a school we cannot emphasize enough the importance of attendance especially during these assessment windows. Absence during this period will seriously impact their overall grade and significantly affect your child's chances of achieving their target grade. It is also very important that the students understand that this work is to be completed under examination conditions, therefore if there is any evidence of communication between students, or plagiarism, we must notify Edexcel immediately and their qualifications in all subjects could be removed. Students have been informed about this already however they will be reminded to them in more detail nearer the time.

We are sure the students will thrive under these conditions and have already made excellent progress as we begin to complete "mock PSA's" to prepare them for the real thing in February. The 2nd PSA will begin after the October half term in 2023 and run until the Christmas Holidays.

We would like all pupils' parents and carers' to complete the reply slip attached, to acknowledge you have been made aware of the above dates, the importance of attendance at during these sessions and the dangers of not following the stated PSA assessment conditions.

Your sincerely,

Mr. Weaver

Curriculum Leader for Humanities/Quality Nominee for BTEC Studies

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE
BTEC PSA Letter
FAO M Weaver

Child's Name

Form

I am fully aware of the PSA Components and expectations that my child has to complete within Travel & Tourism and/or Health & Social

Parent/Carer Signature

Printed Name: Date: