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Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: January BTEC examinations – cancelation**

Following the announcement by the DFE on Monday and the clarification received from Edexcel yesterday evening, the School has made the decision to cancel all BTEC vocational examinations scheduled this term.

The safety of students and staff continues to be our priority. Having conducted a Risk Assessment of our examination arrangements, we did not have adequate time to make the necessary amendments to allow for sufficient social distancing, given the rapid rise in COVID-19 cases in our community.

The exam board, Edexcel, has issued the following statement:

If your school or college decides not to offer vocational exams, we have agreed the following with Ofqual and the DfE to ensure that no learner is disadvantaged.

- 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.

We recognise that many of our staff and students have worked incredibly hard to prepare for these examinations and whilst there still remains a lack of clarity on how the grades will be decided, the School believes this is the right decision for your child and our community.

We will provide further information on how grades will be awarded, as and when it becomes available.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support these challenging times.

Regards,

Ronald Regnier  
Assistant Headteacher