



PS/EK/Exams

6th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your family are well, and had an enjoyable Christmas. Following the recent government announcements regarding the new national lockdown we have made the decision to cancel the vocational examinations.

Our priority is the safety of students and their families and to attend the examinations would potentially put students/families at risk.

Late last night clarification came from awarding bodies and the DfE that students will not be disadvantaged if the College was to decide not to administer the examinations.

Information below from the awarding body:

*'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 award a grade for 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 you are not disadvantaged.***

Additionally to go ahead with the examinations now would also be unfair on students. The current situation we feel has caused anxiety and may have already affected their preparation, and would undoubtedly affect performance and lead to outcomes which are potentially unfair and demoralising.

In the meantime please continue to stay safe and if students can ensure they attend 'Teams' lessons online and complete any remote tasks to the best of their ability.

Should you have any other queries please do not hesitate to contact Mr Stirling at the College.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher