



7<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: BTEC exams January 2021

As you will be aware, the Government has taken the decision to cancel exams in the summer. Gavin Williamson last night presented the statement below to Parliament.

*'I know students and staff have worked hard to prepare for the January exams and assessments of vocational and technical qualifications, and we want to allow schools and colleges to continue with these assessments where they judge it is right to do so. No college should feel pressured to offer these and we will ensure all students are able to progress fairly, just as we will with VTQs in the summer'*

Following on from this statement, we wish to seek the views of our parent/carers and students regarding the next steps. The views of our parent/carers and students will form part of the School's final decision based on a variety of evidence, professional opinions and health and safety of our staff, students and exam invigilators. We understand how frustrating this is for students who have worked so hard to be ready to take these exams and show us what they can do, however we would like each and every student to know that their efforts will not go unnoticed.

While I am unable to say exactly what will happen at this stage, after carefully reviewing the information received to date, our Learning Leaders agree that it would be appropriate to cancel these exams and to continue to collect evidence through student work and assignments to support teacher assessed grades. The more evidence collected provides a stronger position to assist in the teacher assessed grading award. As such it is imperative students continue to work as hard as they can on all assignments in order to achieve the highest grade possible.

Please complete the short form attached (<http://cgss.co/sm070121>) to help us in the decision making process. We kindly ask that this information is provided **by 8am tomorrow morning (Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021)** due to the urgency of the decision needed.

All parties will be informed of the final decision regarding BTEC exams by the end of the day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Thank you for your support during this time. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me [d.edwards1@coxgreen.com](mailto:d.edwards1@coxgreen.com)

Best wishes

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