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****EXAMINATION UPDATE****

FOR THOSE STUDENTS ON VOCATIONAL COURSES

Dear Parents/Carers

At the end of last week, Ofqual updated its guidance on calculating examination grades to include vocational subjects, such as BTEC, CTEC and NCFE.

In Year 11, this includes:

- Child Development
- Business and Enterprise
- Engineering
- Creative I-Media
- Sport

In Year 12, this includes:

- Level 2 Business Studies
- Level 2 Health and Social Care
- Level 2 Travel and Tourism

In Year 13, this includes:

- CTEC Business Studies
- CTEC Health and Social Care
- CTEC Sport

In line with GCSE and A-level guidance, grades for these subjects will be calculated in a similar manner. Teachers will provide exam boards with a judgement grade based on what they believe each student would have achieved in the summer. This judgement will be based on a range of possible evidence including previously completed units, results from external examinations and progress on incomplete units. The grades will then be standardised by the exam boards before being released. It is hoped that grades will be released at the same time as GCSE and A-level grades.

As a result, students following vocational subjects do not need to continue to complete work set for these subjects. However, it may be that if completion of a piece of work is near, the teacher may ask that is completed to help with the final judgement.

As with GCSE and A-level judgements, teachers are not allowed to discuss their judgements with students or parents so if you do ask, I'm afraid the answer will always be the same. Should a student wish to appeal the final grade awarded, the process has not been fully agreed but it appears that additional assessment windows will be made available to sit further external assessments.

I will continue to update you as and when I receive information from Ofqual or the DfE.

Yours faithfully

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