



14<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

### **BTEC Exams – February & March**

We hope that you continue to remain safe and well.

The Department for Education announced on 13/1/21 that scheduled assessments for Vocational Qualifications (VTQs) will not take place in February or March this year. This means that any external assessments scheduled for BTEC Level 2 Tech Awards, Firsts or Technicals will not go ahead during this time.

As a result of this announcement, please note that the following scheduled exams will not take place:

**1/2/21 – BTEC Enterprise: Promotion and Finance for Enterprise [Year 11] – Cancelled**

**5/2/21 – BTEC Health & Social Care [Year 11] - Cancelled**

Pearson (the awarding body) have stated that they will put arrangements in place for students who are now unable to take their external assessments to ensure that they are not disadvantaged. They have also stated that learners expecting to complete their qualification this year will be able to progress normally. As soon as more information is released regarding this we will be sure to communicate with you.

Although this may be a difficult time for our pupils, our priority will continue to be ensuring that your child receives the very best support and education across each of their examination subjects. All Year 11 pupils should continue to follow the expert guidance from subject teachers who will guide them on preparation and completion of their BTEC units.

If you have any further questions, queries or would like to discuss any element of the above, then please do not hesitate to email [j.smith@decschool.co.uk](mailto:j.smith@decschool.co.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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