

# St Joseph's Catholic Academy

A Leading Edge Technology & Applied Learning College

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6<sup>th</sup> January

Dear Parent/Guardian,

You may be aware of some updated information regarding BTEC exams which came out late yesterday evening:

“ The DfE confirmed on January 4th that they expected scheduled vocational exams to go ahead and it has updated that guidance today (January 5th) to give schools and colleges the choice to offer students vocational exams, should schools and colleges judge it right to do so. The full DfE guidance is [available here](#). ”

We have no information about how grades will be decided if no further examinations take place and we do not yet have any information on what examinations could be replaced with. We do not have a guarantee that your child will have the opportunity to resit the examination, or to have a Centre Assessed Grade considered.

We are conscious that some of our students may not wish to undertake the examination offered, but others will wish to take the examination as they feel they are prepared and ready for the assessment. We will support you if you wish to make either of these decisions.

The following assurances have however been offered by Pearson's:

“ 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 realise that all of this is very challenging for you, but please rest assured that we will support you whatever your decision.

As a school we are confident we can run the examination in a Covid secure and safe manner for those that wish to sit the exam. I have attached a list of the BTEC exams below.

We realise that this is a very challenging time for you, but please rest assured that we will support you whatever your decision.

Your sincerely  
D McGuinness  
Assistant Head Teacher

<b>Date:</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>1pm</b>	<b>Duration</b>
<b>Wed 06 Jan</b>	Y13: HSC dip - Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care	3hrs		
<b>Fri 08 Jan</b>			Y12: HSC - Human Lifespan Development	1hr 30m
<b>Mon 11 Jan</b>	Y13: HSC - Working in Health and Social Care  Y13: Engineering Principles	1hr 30m  2hrs		
<b>Tue 12 Jan</b>	Y13: Engineering Product Design and Manufacture	3hrs		
<b>Wed 13 Jan</b>	Y13: Engineering Product Design and Manufacture	2h 30m		
<b>Thu 14 Jan</b>	Y13: Engineering Product Design and Manufacture	2h 30m		
<b>Mon 1 Feb</b>			Y10: Business - Promotion and Finance for Enterprise	2hrs
<b>Tue 2 Feb</b>	Y11: Engineering – Responding to an Engineering Brief (Part 1) <i>See individual timetable</i>	2hrs	Y11: Engineering – Responding to an Engineering Brief (Part 1) <i>See individual timetable</i>	2hrs
<b>Thu 4 Feb</b>	Y11: ICT – Effective Digital Working Practices	1hr 30m		
<b>Fri 5 Feb</b>	Y11: Engineering – Responding to an Engineering Brief (Part 2)	1hr 30m	Y11: HSC – Health and Wellbeing	2hrs