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Dear Parent/Guardian

On the 13th of January the DfE have updated their guidance regarding the BTEC February and March exams.

'DfE update: No BTEC external assessments to take place in February or March this year.'

We want to reassure you that we will put arrangements in place for those of you who are now unable to take your external assessments to ensure you are not disadvantaged, so that those of you expecting to complete your qualification this year will be able to progress. We understand that Ofqual will consult on arrangements for issuing grades this year for regulated Vocational and Technical Qualifications this year, as well as arrangements for exams due to take place in June, and will launch this consultation towards the end of this week.'

We need to wait until the end of the consultation to give confirmed arrangements regarding how students grades will be awarded.

Teachers of each course will advise pupils on what they should be working on. Assignments still need to be complete and may in fact become more important to a student's overall grade. They may decide to run these exams at another point or we may need to run them as internal assessments on students return to school.

Much like the GCSE, students should continue to work as directed by their teacher as we await more guidance.

Yours sincerely

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