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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Year 11 – BTEC Health and Social Care Exam - 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

We are writing to you to confirm the BTEC Health and Social Care Component 3 exam due to take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021 will not take place. The decision has been made by the DfE, with assurances that the progression of our students will not be affected by this decision.

Following on from the announcement by the DfE on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2021 and communication to us from Pearson BTEC we can confirm:

‘The DfE has announced today that scheduled assessments for Vocational and Technical Qualifications (VTQs), specifically Performance Table Qualifications, will not take place in February or March this year. For schools and colleges taking Pearson qualifications, this means that external assessments for BTEC Level 2 Tech Awards, Firsts, Technicals and Level 3 Nationals will not go ahead in February or March.’

While we also welcome this decision, which aligns with the position for General Qualifications and puts the safety of our school community first, we know that our students and staff will be disappointed, as they have been working hard towards these assessments. The hard work of our students continues to be crucial to support them in future internal and external assessments that are a vital part of their course. It is important that students continue to engage in all learning opportunities and complete all tasks set by their class teachers.

This has been a difficult time for our year 11 students, especially those preparing to sit exams. We want to thank students and staff who have been working tirelessly to prepare for this exam, we are exceptionally proud of the work you have been doing and will continue to do.

Thank you for your unwavering support, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Smith  
Headteacher