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Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: BTEC ASSESSMENT

Due to the coronavirus pandemic and the College having to close, academic awarding bodies such as BTEC have changed the way that they are assessing their qualifications. For most of these organisations students are not expected to sit final exams. Also, any assignments that were due to be submitted after 20 March will not now contribute to the formal assessment process. Whilst BTEC have not confirmed how they expect grading to be carried out, it is likely tutors will need to predict grades based on their knowledge of student's ability with evidence needed to support these grades. It is with this in mind that we are informing you that we continue to expect students to submit pieces of work / assignments as set.

This ongoing submission of work will allow us to:

- Gather further evidence to support predicted grades
- Evidence student's determination and digital skills for students moving into employment

Students will be able to:

- Develop their learning further if they are continuing with their studies
- Develop independent study skills and digital skills if moving on to university.

The College will provide student feedback on the work submitted in support of these aims and to enhance their academic performance in the future.

We are very proud of how all our students have responded in these very difficult circumstances and this is their opportunity to demonstrate their determination to achieve to the best of their abilities in only what can be described as unusual and challenging circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

Tina Upstell
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