

Wednesday 6 January 2021 - 15:00 hours

Dear Parent/Year 11 & 10 student

BTEC/OCR Examinations – confirmation of exams

The Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, has this lunchtime confirmed that schools can continue with their BTEC examinations. The impact of not completing these examinations is unclear as the Government has not indicated how grades will be assessed by teachers and the process that will be used for the summer. In Summer 2020 evidence of past entries and outcomes of examinations was used to predict grades.

We have small numbers of students who are taking these examinations and these will be conducted with the following conditions;

- Revision sessions and examinations will take place in well ventilated rooms
- Students need to wear uniform but should have a warm coat (all pockets of coat and blazer need to be empty)
- Students will need to wear face coverings in the exam room as well as around school
- Sanitizer will be provided in the room before and after the examination
- Desks and working areas for the examinations will be socially distanced at 2m

The social distancing will allow students to take the examinations in small groups or in large areas. Our Sports Hall cannot be used as we are using that for Covid testing. No student will be Covid tested during their time on site to take an examination only.

Students should come to school to take advantage of any revision session and present at the examination venue at least 15 minutes before the start time of the examination. Students will be advised of the exam venue as they arrive. If they are unsure they should ask any member of staff to direct that question to myself or Mr Bentley for guidance.

It is preferable if students could arrive for the time of the revision session and leave directly after the examination. If this is not possible students should use school transport and LCC are aware of this. Buses will be running. If time onsite runs over a lunchtime the canteen will be available to obtain food.

We understand that this is a very difficult situation but we are doing all that we can to ensure that students are safe on site. These examinations that have not been cancelled by the Department for Education and the Government.

We look forward to welcoming your child to JSTC to take their BTEC/OCR examination



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