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Dear Parent/Carer

BTEC/Cambridge Technical Examinations - cancellation

I understand that you received a text from school yesterday regarding our BTEC and Cambridge Technical examinations. I am writing today to give you more detail surrounding our decision to withdraw students from the BTEC/Cambridge examinations planned for January and February. Our students will no doubt have a mixed response to this, some will be relieved, and some may feel disappointed.

This has been a difficult decision, but we believe the mixed messaging from the DfE at the start of the week, coupled with the absence of guidance from the Government and Ofqual is, in the main, how we arrived at this position. We were unable to understand how the results from this set of examinations might impact on a student's overall grade in the summer when the rest of the course is considered. We were not prepared to take a risk on any child's future grade should an algorithm or calculation be applied as in the summer of 2020. There are other reasons as well; Lockdown, online learning, stress fuelled by media speculation etc to name but a few. I hope having read this you understand our thought making process.

Should you wish to discuss this please contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

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