

7th January 2021

Dear Year 11 Students

We hope you are keeping safe and getting on well with your remote education.

As you may have seen, the Government have made a number of announcements since my letter on Tuesday.

Firstly, we want to make you aware that we have taken the decision to cancel the Creative i-Media exam scheduled for Monday 11th January and the BTEC Enterprise exam scheduled for Monday 1st February. The Government have given us the option of running or cancelling these exams. We have cancelled them because it is safer for you to remain at home and because you will not be disadvantaged in terms of your final grade in these subjects by not doing these exams this term.

The Government have now confirmed that GCSE examinations will not take place in the summer. Instead, teacher assessed grades will be used. I realise that you will have mixed feelings about this and some of you will be disappointed not to get the chance to show what you know in an exam situation. What I can again reassure you about is that our experience with last year's Year 11's was that they did get the grades their hard work deserved and they all moved on smoothly to the next stage of their education and training.

Given that your grades are going to be based on your work across the whole of Years 10 and 11, including what you do over the next few weeks, it is extremely important that you continue to fully engage with your remote learning. You will have more live lessons next week than you had this week because you will all have had your first lesson, set on Go4 Schools, by then. On rare occasions we will need to set work for a lesson rather than deliver it live. When this happens resources and recorded lessons will be available on Teams and we will let you know in advance.

Keep safe and keep working hard!

Yours faithfully



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