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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

Re: BTEC Qualification Grading Summer 2020

I am writing to you because Ofqual, and Edexcel have now concluded their consultation into how to award vocational (BTEC) qualifications in schools and colleges for Summer 2020.

Ofqual stated that similar principles as set out for General Qualifications, should be applied to Vocational and Technical Qualifications 'to issue a set of results to allow learners to progress into further study or employment'.

Schools have already been asked by the exam board to enter grades for all completed internally assessed units. Our BTEC teachers have already entered grades for all internally assessed units that were completed in the previous academic year and in this academic year before school closed in March.

We have now been asked to provide a centre assessment grade for any internally assessed unit that was not complete before school closed in March.

We already have lots of evidence to help us do this accurately. We have completed assignments from these units, assessments in class and practical work. We will be sending these to the exam board over the next few weeks. We have also been asked to rank order our students for each qualification.

The exam board have not asked schools to provide a centre assessment grade for externally assessed units (examined units). They will 'calculate external assessment results based on available data and the rank order provided'.

All of this information will result in the exam board awarding an overall qualification grade to each student.

Please don't ask teachers or pastoral staff about these grades, the guidance from Ofqual is very clear in stating that we cannot discuss these grades with anyone at all.



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These are unprecedented times and this situation is far removed from what our students and the school would have wanted, but rest assured that we are a strong position as a school to submit a really strong set of grades. We fully expect that our students will once again achieve highly when results are released this summer.

Please stay safe and stay positive.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Haigh".

Mr P Haigh
Headteacher