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Dear parent/carer

I am writing to you to inform you that all BTEC exams that were scheduled for the next few weeks have now been cancelled. After reviewing the implications for students, the decision has been made that it would not be in the best interest of students to sit the exam under the current lockdown conditions. As we are not yet ready to offer testing in school and given the increase locally of the new more contagious strain without a test prior to the exam it may put households at risk.

The exam board has assured us that students will not be disadvantaged by not sitting exams in the January window. As a school we would normally have entered students in January to provide them with a practice exam experience with all students sitting the exam again in the summer to allow them to improve their grade. We will ensure that if we return to school all students will have the opportunity to sit a practice exam if any exams are actually scheduled in the summer.

Our experience from last year's lockdown leads us to believe that it may not benefit students to have an exam grade from January which is undoubtedly going to be lower than their final grade. With that in mind and the potential risks of sitting an exam in lockdown we have decided to cancel.

Thanks for your help and support during this difficult time and do please get in contact with school if you have any questions or concerns.

Richard McManus
Principal



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