



Dear Parents/Carers

BTEC Examinations – w/c 4th January 2021 – 15th January 2021

I am writing to inform you of the arrangements for the forthcoming external exams for Year 13 students.

When we return in January there will be a series of external BTEC Exams and Controlled Assessments. Your son/daughter's Statement of Entry for these exams are attached.

Students following an entirely BTEC programme of study are expected to attend school only when they have a timetabled exam. They are however, most welcome to use the school's facilities for revision purposes.

Students following the Foundation Course and an entirely academic A Level Pathway should attend their lessons as normal during this period.

Whilst those following a blended Pathway of BTEC and A Level courses should attend their A Level lessons where ever possible.

As you can appreciate these external exams will form a very important part of the student's final assessment grades and should be treated accordingly. With this in mind can I take this opportunity to point out the Government guidelines regarding Tier 3 arrangements and "Bubble" arrangements for the Christmas holiday period.

Teens & Christmas Bubbles

Special rules regarding socialising apply from 23rd – 27th December allowing up to three households to get together and celebrate the holiday. Everyone across the UK should abide by these rules as they are the Law. For teens whose parents are separated an exception applies: they can be part of both parents' different Christmas bubbles and spend time with both families.

Full details of the Government's guidance can be found at www.gov.uk/government/publications/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family

Please monitor this regularly in case the situation changes.

Students having to self-isolate would miss out on this opportunity to sit external exams and would have to reply on resit opportunities in the Summer. It is vital that students adhere to current Government advice in order to keep safe over the Christmas period.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these arrangements, then please do not hesitate to contact me. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Roe
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