

Thursday 7th January 2021

Dear Students and Parents/Carers

Re: January Exams

On Tuesday evening, the DfE announced that the January exams can take place where schools judge it right to do so. We know that many of you have worked extremely hard to prepare for these exams and will be disappointed not to have the opportunity to showcase your knowledge and understanding. Having spent time in school and at home preparing, we want you to have that chance. So the following exams are going to go ahead:

- 11th January 2021: 9am Sports Science (Year 10)
- 13th January 2021 9am Enterprise and Marketing (Year 11)
- 14th January 2021: 9am Hospitality and Catering (Year 11)
- 5th February 2021: 1pm Health and Wellbeing (Year 11).

There is comprehensive DfE guidance on holding exams during Covid, which I am confident that our exams team have fully implemented. However as a further measure we will be inviting our students in for a lateral flow Covid test in the day or two before their exams (provided we have consent). You will receive a separate email from us telling you the time of the Covid test.

It is vital that you understand that **you will not be disadvantaged** if you cannot sit the exam for any reason e.g. you are isolating for any reason, or your parents make the decision that they do not wish you to attend. I fully understand this is a difficult decision to make in these times.

The government have today said that teachers and schools will be awarding grades at the end of this year. This exam is an opportunity to show what you can do. But it will not be the only opportunity. We will ensure that you continue to receive appropriate internally assessed units and complete any assessments so that we can build up the evidence we need to ensure you get the grade that you deserve.

Kind regards



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