

*Our reference: AHH/SB**

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Dear Year 11 and 13,

Vocational Qualifications including; NCFE/CACHE BTEC's, Cambridge National/Technicals and BTECs to be awarded in 2020

Following the announcement from Ofqual on Friday, we now have clarification as to how academic qualifications such as GCSE's and A Levels will be awarded. However, there is still no formal guidance from Ofqual for vocational qualifications such as BTECs or Cambridge National / Technical qualifications or for those of you completing the NCFE Cache Child Development course.

We are expecting an announcement as to how these grades will be awarded soon – possibly this week. Once we receive this information from Ofqual and the exam boards we will share this with you.

At present, the exam boards and Ofqual have said the following;

- We'll be working with other boards and with Ofqual, to agree an approach to ensure no students are disadvantaged (OCR)
- We'll use the best available evidence, which could include assessments that students have completed, to confirm final calculated grades (OCR)
- Some form of teacher calculated grade, or other form of estimation based on assessment that has already taken place, will be possible in many cases (OFQUAL)

While we are still in a position of not knowing how grades for vocational courses will be awarded, you need to complete the work that your teachers have set for you, to the very best of your ability. Your teachers will use the work that you complete as evidence to support any judgements about your grades. In most cases, we are expecting that your work will be moderated externally, as it would be under normal circumstances, before you receive your grades.

It is therefore crucial, that if you are currently studying a vocational course such as a BTEC, a Cambridge National/Technical or the NCFE Cache in Child Development that you have submitted work for all for the units that teachers have completed with you.

If you have any questions or queries please do contact your class teacher in the first instance, using your school email.

Yours faithfully,

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