

Our reference: DG*/CB*

5th January 2021

Dear Students,

Happy New Year to you and I hope that you have been able to have a good, relaxing break over the last two weeks and have used some of this time to prepare for the external examinations that you have been entered for.

Last night the Prime Minister announced that some A Level and GCSE examinations are to be cancelled. This does not currently affect the assessments for vocational courses such as BTECs, Cambridge Technicals / Nationals or the NCFE Cache courses that we run. Therefore, the external examinations scheduled for January are still set to go ahead as previously planned.

The details of these vocational exams were included in your personalised exam timetable that was issued to you before Christmas. An overview of all external examinations taking place is shown below:

Date and Start time	Year Group	Exam Title / Duration
Thursday 7th at 8.30am	Year 11	Music 1h
Monday 11th at 8.30am	Year 12 + 1 Year 13	IT Unit 1 1h 30m
Monday 11th at 8.30am	Year 13	HSC Unit 2 1h 30m
Tuesday 12th at 8.30am	Year 12/13	PE Unit 1 1h 30m
Tuesday 12th at 1.30pm	Year 12	Science Biology Unit 1 40m
Wednesday 13th at 8.30am	Year 13	Business Unit 2 1h 30m
Wednesday 13th at 8.30am	Year 12	Science Chemistry Unit 1 40m
Wednesday 13th at 1.30pm	Year 12 + 1 Year 13	HSC Unit 3 1h 30m
Wednesday 13th at 1.30pm	Year 12	Science Physics Unit 1 40m
Friday 15th at 1.30pm	Year 13	HSC Unit 6 1h 30m
Monday 18th at 8.30am	Year 13	Science Unit 3 1h 15m
Monday 18th at 1.30pm	Year 12/13	PE Unit 4 1h 30m
Tuesday 19th at 8.30am	Year 13	HSC Unit 7 1h 30m

For students that have an examination, please arrive to school at your normal entrance in good time ahead of your exam, wearing full school uniform (Year 11) or appropriate attire for school (Years 12 and 13) and come equipped with all that you need e.g. stationary, water bottle (without labels), calculator etc.

Please note that we will be continuing with our COVID-19 protocols in school and will be doing all that we can to ensure your health and safety both during exams including; regular handwashing/sanitising, social distancing, year group bubbles and the wearing of face masks.

If you have any questions or queries regarding your exams, please do not hesitate to contact me: dgeddes@raynespark.merton.sch.uk

Regards,

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