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Dear Parent/Carers

Important Update on Upcoming BTEC & Vocational Exams

You will have seen the announcement last night from the Department of Education (DfE) that schools are free to choose whether or not they would like their students to sit the January BTEC exams they have already been entered for.

In absence of certainty from the DfE, our Trust (TKAT) has made the decision that the planned BTEC exams this January will take place in all of our schools. This is because it is felt it would be unfair that students are deprived of the chance to sit an exam that they have been working hard towards and preparing for over the Christmas break, especially at such short notice.

You may feel that due to the current lockdown situation you are not happy for your child to attend this exam. If you would like to discuss the measures we have in place to minimise any spread of infection please email Mr Sanghera who is the Director of Learning responsible for exams and his email address is: jasminder.sanghera@wellingschool-tkat.org.

There has been some further updates today and it has been communicated to schools that if students cannot take BTEC exams this month as planned, they will be able to take them at a later date or otherwise still be awarded a grade, if they have enough evidence to receive a certificate that they need for progression.

Your child may be sitting other vocational exams this month with LIBF or OCR. LIBF have today confirmed that students that are entered should sit the exam. For any students who do not sit exams in January they will not be disadvantaged and may be able to re-sit the paper in July. Should this not be possible, they will put in place alternative arrangements for students to ensure that they are not disadvantaged. OCR have not made any announcements and students are expected to sit the exams, unless there are further updates.

We appreciate this is a very difficult time for you and your child and hope that this update provides you with some clarity. We wish our students the best of luck for the forthcoming exams.

With very best wishes.

Yours faithfully



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