

January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you with regard to the upcoming February exams for vocational qualifications. As you are aware the Department for Education made the decision to allow the January exams to take place if schools felt they could put in appropriate measures to ensure it was safe to do so.

The following external exams were due to take place in February:

Monday 1 February 2021 – BTEC Business and Enterprise
Tuesday 2 February 2021 – BTEC Sport
Friday 5 February 2021 – BTEC Health and Social Care

Yesterday, the DFE announced that all scheduled assessments that were due to be held in February for Vocational and Technical qualifications (VTQ's) will now NOT take place. This means that your child will no longer need to attend school to sit the exam.

I have included a short section below from the guidance sent by Pearson Edexcel, which explains their position:

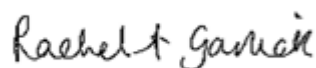
“While we welcome this decision, which aligns with the position for General Qualifications and puts the safety of students and teachers first, we know that many learners and centres will be disappointed, as they have been working hard towards these assessments.

We want to reassure BTEC learners and centres that we will put arrangements in place for students who are now unable to take their external assessments to ensure they are not disadvantaged. So, those expecting to complete their qualification this year will be able to progress normally.”

While we don't yet know what these arrangements are that Person Edexcel refer to in this statement, we will keep you updated when we are given more information.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact me by emailing: info@appletonacademy.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Garlick".

Mrs Garlick
Head of Secondary