

HEADTEACHER: Mr G Rule



FAO: Parents & Carers of Year 11 Students

RE: GCSE & BTEC Examinations & Grading 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well at this time.

I would like to begin by congratulating Year 11 students on their continued positive attitude and commitment to their studies. I would also like to say how proud we were to see so many of our Music and Child Development students return to school to sit their BTEC and Cambridge National examinations during the last week. As you would expect their attitude and behaviour upon their return were exemplary.

This week (**Wednesday 13th January 2020**) the Secretary of State for Education wrote to Ofqual (the exams regulator) outlining his plans for replacing the GCSE examinations this summer, a copy of his letter can be found [here](#). The Chief Regulator Simon Lebus responded to the Secretary of State outlining Ofqual's current stance and a copy of this letter can be found [here](#).

In his letter Mr Lebus confirmed that there will be a period of consultation over the next few weeks regarding the assessment of students and the awarding of qualifications in the summer of 2021. As I mentioned in my letter on **7th January 2020** we will keep you updated regarding the consultation process and the associated outcomes. Unfortunately what was confirmed by both parties was the cancellation of all external BTEC and vocational external examinations due to take place in **February and March 2020**. As a result our BTEC Sport examination will not now take place as planned on **Tuesday 2nd February 2020**. This will be a disappointment to these students, especially after all the hard work they have put into their preparation and revision.

The most important message for all Year 11 students this week continues to be that their attainment this summer is still in their own hands. Hard work will be rewarded and their future is not yet written.

Once again, thank you for your continued support in the education of our students at Denton Community College.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Rule", is positioned above the printed name.

Greg Rule
Headteacher