



20 August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Year 11 BTEC Results August 2020**

We have received some very late news from Pearson regarding the issuing of BTEC results, which means that your child will not receive their results today.

On Wednesday 19 August at 4.33pm we received the following information via email from Pearson:

*Following Ofqual's announcement that A Level and GCSE students are to receive Centre Assessment Grades, we have reviewed the impact on BTEC students and taken on board feedback from teachers, schools and colleges. Following our review and your feedback we have decided to apply Ofqual's principles for students receiving BTECs this summer.*

*This means we will now be regrading all the following BTECs - BTEC Level 3 Nationals (2010 QCF and 2016 RQF), BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Awards, BTEC Level 2 Technicals and BTEC Level 1/2 Firsts.*

*BTEC qualification results have been generally consistent with teacher and learner expectations, but we have become concerned about unfairness in relation to what are now significantly higher outcomes for GCSE and A Levels.*

*Although we generally accepted Centre Assessment Grades for internal (i.e. coursework) units, we subsequently calculated the grades for the examined units using historical performance data with a view of maintaining overall outcomes over time. Our review will remove these calculated grades and apply consistency across teacher assessed internal grades and examined grades that students were unable to sit.*

*We will work urgently with you to reissue these grades and will update you as soon as we possibly can. We want to reassure students that no grades will go down as part of this review.*

*We appreciate this will cause additional uncertainty for students and we are sorry about this. Our priority is to ensure fair outcomes for BTEC students in relation to A Levels and GCSEs and that no BTEC student is disadvantaged.*

**Therefore, we ask schools and colleges not to issue any BTEC L1 and L2 results tomorrow** as these will be reviewed and where appropriate, regraded.

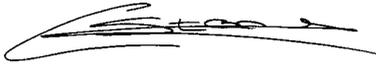
As a school, we are extremely frustrated and disappointed to hear this late news, as we know how stressful the wait for examination results has been for our students, particularly with all of the changes and u-turns that have already been imposed to the exams system this year.

*Be The Best You Can Be*

As soon as we have any further updates from Pearson or are able to issue the BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Awards results, please be assured that we will issue these to you as quickly as possible.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carly Adams', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Ms Carly Adams  
**Senior Examinations Officer**

