



Rossett School

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Dear Parents/Carers

On Friday 24th April, Mr Stone sent you a communication regarding Examination Outcomes – Summer 2020. This letter specifically referred to the advice that Ofqual has provided for schools with the cancellation of examinations this summer and how teachers will use a range of evidence to generate predicted grades. This advice was specific to A Levels and GCSEs and did not include vocational qualifications such as BTECs.

Ofqual have subsequently published further guidance with regard to vocational, technical and other qualifications, stating that 'We want to ensure that learners enrolled on vocational and technical qualifications, which are principally used for progression to further or higher education, are not disadvantaged with respect to their peers in the same cohort taking GCSEs, AS and A Levels. The Secretary of State has already said that, as far as possible, such qualifications should be treated in the same way as GCSEs, AS and A Levels, with learners receiving a calculated result or grade.'

However, Ofqual have recognised that the range and scope of vocational qualifications do not fall neatly into one category but three, so the methods used to generate a predicted grade will differ depending upon the qualification requirements for the category to which they belong. The Ofqual report, which is out for consultation on its proposed arrangements for these types of qualifications until 8th May, can be accessed via the link below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/881109/Summer_2020_results_for_vocational_technical_and_other_qualifications_UPDATE_24APR2020_.pdf

The BTECs and other vocational qualifications delivered at Rossett broadly fall into category 1, so the process for awarding grades is likely to be similar to that required for A Levels and GCSEs. After the consultation, it is expected that the examination boards will specify exactly what evidence they will require from teachers to produce a predicted grade.

What does this mean for students completing BTEC course work?

Students in Years 13 and 11

The exam board Pearson has paused all standards verification, so there is no need for students to continue with internal assessment activities (course work). This means that students in Years 13 and 11 do not need to complete any remaining course work assignments. However, in order to support teacher assessment, we would ask that students make sure that they send their teachers copies of any assessment work that they have been doing whilst on lock down (both completed and incomplete).

Students in Years 10

Although the exam board has paused standards verification, Ofqual has yet to decide whether Year 10 students will receive predicted grades this summer. Until a decision is made, it is vital that Year 10 students continue to complete their course work assessments as detailed by their teachers on Teams. Once a decision is made, we will communicate this to students.

If you have any questions about any of the detail contained in this letter, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me dy@rossettschool.co.uk.

Kind regards

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