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Dear Parents/Carers

## BTEC Update

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we awaited an update from the DfE regarding BTEC assessments. Please see the following updates:

### **DfE update: No BTEC external assessments to take place in February or March this year**

**The DfE has announced today** that scheduled assessments for Vocational and Technical Qualifications (VTQs), specifically Performance Table Qualifications, will not take place in February or March this year. For schools and colleges taking Pearson qualifications, this means that external assessments for BTEC Level 2 Tech Awards, Firsts, Technicals and Level 3 Nationals will not go ahead in February or March.

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.

### **What does this mean for my child and their learning?**

This means your child WILL NOT be sitting their formal exam in February this year. It is however essential that students continue to engage as fully as they can in their education and focus upon completing the programme of study as set by their subject teachers. This will put them in the best position, whatever arrangements are made for their qualifications.

In the coming terms there will be a number of on-going assessment opportunities including two big assessment opportunities in term 4 and 6. Teachers will prepare students for these through work set on SMHW and providing feedback to support ongoing learning.

### **How can my child access help in their learning?**

<p><b>Got a question or need some support?</b></p> 	Lesson/subject based enquiry	Please email your class teacher or comment on the task on SMHW.
	General enquiry	Either call the academy or email: <b>hwaclosure@clf.uk</b>
	Head of House Hotline Mon to Fri (10am to 12pm)	<b>07599 938080</b>
	Safeguarding Telephone Line Mon to Fri (8am to 4.30pm)	<b>07599915486</b>

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