

## **BTEC Exams**

The government announced on the 4 January that the national BTEC exams should go ahead this month and on the evening of the 5 January advised colleges that we should make the decision whether to hold exams or not.

The safety of our learners and staff is paramount and after very detailed consideration, we have decided to let learners in the college make their own choice if they want to attend their exams. We know our learners have worked hard preparing for these exams and many would want to continue to take them.

Our exam rooms are fully socially distanced, and we are ensuring all COVID-19 guidance is followed. We will be running all scheduled examinations this month unless we need to cancel them due to safety concerns or lack of staff due to Covid. If learners are feeling anxious about coming in at this time, this will not disadvantage their studies. The awarding body Pearson has stated following agreement with Ofqual and the DfE that no learner is disadvantaged. They will:

- Award a grade for any learner who is unable to take their exams and has enough evidence to receive a certificate that they need for progression.
- Learners unable to take their assessment this January may be able to take their assessment at a later date. If that is not possible, we will put in place arrangements to ensure you are not disadvantaged.

If learners need to seek any further clarification, please contact your personal tutor.

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