



# St Robert of Newminster Catholic School and Sixth Form College



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Dear Parent / Carer

## **BTEC External Exams/Assessments in February and March cancellation**

The Department for Education has announced today that scheduled assessments for Vocational and Technical Qualifications (VTQs), 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 and Level 3 Nationals will not go ahead in February or March.

Your son / daughter was entered for an external unit assessment in one of the courses listed below. Please would you inform them that these unit assessments will no longer take place.

BTEC Tech Award in Digital ICT : Unit Title – Effective Digital Working Practices (Year 10 Pupils)

BTEC Tech Award in Engineering : Unit Title – Responding to an Engineering Brief (Year 11 Pupils)

**This announcement highlights the fact that arrangements will be put in place for students who are now unable to take their external assessments to ensure they are not disadvantaged as a result of this cancellation.**

If you would like to discuss this matter in greater detail, please do not hesitate to contact me at school on 0191 7161700.

Regards,

**Mr John Green**  
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