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OCR Internal and External Assessments Update March 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

The Department for Education has announced that scheduled external assessments for Vocational and Technical Qualifications (VTQs), will not take place this summer. For schools and colleges taking OCR qualifications, this means that externally assessed units for Cambridge Level 2 Nationals and Level 3 Technicals will be replaced by internally set assessments after Easter.

As your son/daughter works to make further progress towards the completion of their units of study, the following approach will be adapted.

Internally Assessed Units: Pupils will continue to work towards the completion of these units both inside and outside of the classroom.

Externally Assessed Units: Pupils will be prepared for new internal assessments under the guidance of their teacher. Internal assessments will take place after the Easter break and will be completed by 11th June.

Your child's teacher will provide them with further information, clearly stating which units are assignment based internally assessed units, and which units will now use exam style internally set assessments, replacing the normal externally set assessments.

Final Qualification Grades: Using guidance provided by the exam board, your child's teachers will use the grades achieved in all units to calculate a final TAG (Teacher Assessed Grade) for your child.

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

Yours faithfully

Mr J Green

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