



St Robert of Newminster Catholic School and Sixth Form College



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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Award in Health and Social Care

Students studying the above two year qualification complete *Unit 1 Introduction to the Health and Social Sector* in Year 10. Ordinarily, this unit would be internally marked by the school subject to external verification by NCFE. I am writing to explain how this will work within the national guidelines for qualifications during this COVID affected year.

The Unit consists of six learning outcomes. The work students have been able to complete towards each of these outcomes will be assessed by school, and a balanced, holistic judgment will be made on the grade at which each student is performing based on the evidence provided. These grades will be awarded using appropriate grade descriptors and performance indicators. Our processes will also be subject to the awarding body's external quality assurance procedures.

For your information, our Centre Assessment Policy can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.strobertofnewminster.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/St-Roberts-Centre-Assessment-Policy.pdf>

Special consideration cannot be applied due to lost teaching and learning this year, as this is addressed by only assessing on the content students have been taught. If a student believes that their performance in this unit has been affected by illness or personal circumstances, they should raise the issue with the school for consideration. Ordinarily, independent supporting evidence will be expected from the student. Circumstances would have to be significant and so the school is already likely to be aware to some degree. The mitigating circumstances must have adversely affected the student at the time of the completion of the work. In such circumstances the school may factor in the information and if appropriate select a different piece of work as evidence.

To raise such concerns students should inform the school via the following email address 2021Grading@str.bwcet.com. We will only consider such circumstances if we are informed via this email address. The deadline for any such communication is Friday 28th May. Any emails received after this date will not be considered.

The school is not permitted to reveal your grade to you for the unit prior to the official Results Day, which is currently expected to be Tuesday 12th August. There will be an appeals process, but the national guidance for appeals has not yet been published.



If you should have any further questions, please contact Mr J Green, Assistant Head Teacher in charge of Vocational and Technical Education, at the school.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Juric
Head Teacher

