



Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Covid-19 Arrangements for Level 3 BTEC Qualifications.

With the recent release of guidance from Pearson, the examination board responsible for BTEC qualifications, I wanted to take the opportunity to write to you in order to communicate the process of drawing your respective child's qualification to a close.

Over the ensuing period of school shut-down, it has been confirmed that our BTEC qualifications will be covered by a 'calculated result' as part of the Extraordinary Regulatory Framework created by the Government to manage the completion of various qualifications (such as GCSEs and A-Levels) impacted upon by the current Covid-19 context.

In order for BTEC to calculate a result, a variety of data will be used. For those BTECs that feature externally assessed elements, the grades achieved from these units will contribute towards a result. Completed, internally assessed units that feature in all BTECs will also be submitted to BTEC to aid the formulation of a result. In the case of all internally assessed units that have been 'interrupted' in part, or in its entirety as a result of these exceptional circumstances, a Centre Assessed Grade will be determined by the Academy, of which I regret to inform we are not permitted to disclose to anyone other than Pearson. Finally, were an externally assessed unit either planned to be 'sat' or 'retaken' by a candidate, these learners have been 'entered' for this exam (that they will NOT be required to take) as a way of communicating to BTEC, the candidate's intention to take this assessment in order to receive a calculated grade. By virtue of the number of points that a student would achieve for every pass, merit or distinction, this total score would correspond to one of ten potential BTEC grades (from PPP to D*D*D*) being achieved. This point score will enable a rank order to be produced that we are also required to provide to BTEC. All of these many facets will come into play in order to provide BTEC with the necessary information for them to calculate a fair and equitable result.

With the specific exception of the BTEC Children's Play, Learning and Development qualification, that has an additional professional aspect attached to the qualification (and will be contacted separately), we would now like to request that all other BTEC students cease from completing any further work. I would like to thank BTEC students for their resilience and perseverance during this unprecedented period in addition to the team of staff within each faculty area for continuing to support students via an online platform in addition to numerous bespoke email conversation that I know has occurred between students and teachers.

At the point of writing to you, the grasp of the Coronavirus continues to impact upon our lives and for us as a school, the way in which we are able to interact, with so much of the work being completed remotely. As a final caveat to this letter, I would like to request that students continue to check their emails and where required, engage with staff who may be required to contact them in order to fulfil any quality checks that BTEC carry out during the coming month and would ask that all work completed over their time at the Academy, inclusive of the shutdown period be retained.

I very much hope that, to the best of your ability, you have managed to remain safe and well during this unprecedented period and thank you in advance for your care and attention that will have demonstrated in support of your child endeavouring to complete their qualification in such circumstances. We have been advised by BTEC that a proposed 'Level 3 Results Day' will take place on Thursday 13th August and will therefore keep you updated as to arrangements for this as they continue to evolve over the coming months. If you have further questions regarding this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me via my jbowers@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk email address.

Yours sincerely.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Bowers', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Bowers
Director of Sixth Form