

HEADTEACHER: Mr G Rule



FAO: Parents & Carers of Year 11 Students

RE: Vocational Subject Examinations

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well at this time.

Following the announcement this afternoon (**Wednesday 6th January 2021**) by the Secretary of State for Education, I am writing to confirm that we intend to run the following external national vocational examinations:

- BTEC Music on Thursday 7th January 2021
- Child Development (Cambridge National) on Wednesday 13th January 2021
- BTEC Sport on Tuesday 2nd February 2021

At Denton Community College, we feel it is important that our young people are given the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding in subjects they enjoy and love. We know our students have worked hard towards these examinations and it would be a great disappointment to all of them if they were unable to undertake these national assessments at this late stage.

As you will be aware some schools and colleges have decided not to run the examinations, however we feel that our systems and procedures will ensure the examinations will be conducted in as safe a manner as they can be. We ask that students arrive at school at 9.00 am so that they can be escorted and seated in the examination hall for a 9.30 am start. Students will be allowed to wear face coverings throughout the examination if they wish and the spacing between students will exceed the recommended 2 metres for social distancing. At the end of the examination students will be escorted back to reception to ensure that social distancing is maintained. Unfortunately due to the current lockdown we will not be able to offer any pre-examination preparation sessions for the students.

If you do have any further questions regarding these examinations please speak to Mr Haslam (Assistant Headteacher) or Mr Cumming (Deputy Headteacher). Once again thank you for your continued support in the education of the students at Denton Community College.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Rule", is positioned above the printed name.

Greg Rule
Headteacher