

5th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are all safe and well during these difficult times.

We fully understand the confusion and anxiety caused by the announcement by Boris Johnson at 8pm yesterday. We have been provided with the same information as yourselves through the news outlets but hope to provide more detailed clarification over the coming days, when we receive any additional information.

I do however think it is important to consider exactly what was stated. In the announcement, he did not say that the exams would be cancelled this summer. The DfE has also stated that vocational exams that are due to be sat next week will still go ahead (we will contact all students involved in these exams this week to give details on how these will run). The government hasn't yet set the criteria regarding the exams for the summer, it has just been stated that they won't run as normal. It is therefore imperative that students attend/log on for their live TEAMS lessons as per their normal timetable.

Students' attendance will continue to be monitored. It is an expectation that all students attend the remote lessons. Class teachers will be able to see who is online and will be taking class registers as they would if the student was in school; this will be visible for parents/carers through Class Charts. If your child is poorly you should contact the academy in the normal way. It is essential the students adhere to the daily routines of the school day and remotely attend all sessions on time. If the exams don't go ahead, work completed during these online lessons may be taken into account to help support the allocation of grades in August.

Until we receive more guidance on any potential external moderation process, we will not currently be releasing the mock grades from the December mock series. We need to make sure they are in line with any DfE parameters that we may have to use.

If you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to contact the academy by emailing enquiries@cvea.co.uk.

Kind Regards

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