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Dear Parents/Carers

Government Announcement – BTEC/Vocational Exams

Over the next few weeks we have a number of external BTEC and vocational examinations taking place. Yesterday evening the Government announced these exams can be postponed but the decision sits with the school.

All of our students and staff have worked so hard preparing for these exams during the first term and I am sure a lot of revision has taken place over the Christmas holiday. With this in mind, we have decided to continue with the exams as planned.

In order to ensure that staff and students are safe we have started our mass testing programme and would like to include exam students in this. Therefore, if you would like your child to have a test prior to their exam, please can they arrive at school between 8 am and 8:30 am to ensure we have the result prior to the exam.

As outlined in our letter yesterday all tests are voluntary, and the consent form must be completed prior to the test being taken.

As a school, we understand if you are nervous about sending your child in for exams, however, we really feel it is in your child's best interest to sit these examinations.

If you are currently ill with Covid-19 or self-isolating/shielding we do have the option to defer your child's exam to the next available series. Similarly, if you are anxious about your child sitting the exam due to Covid-19 you have the same option as above.

If you fall under either of the categories above please contact the Exams Officer, 24 hours prior to the exam date via email at Valda.Woods@rrca.org.uk. Any emails after this time period will not be deferred.

As always, thank you for your support at this difficult time and please contact us if you need any help/support over the coming weeks.

Wishing you and your family well.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Markham
Vice Principal



Principal: Miss C Bacon

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