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Dear Parents and Carers

January Exams 2021: Year 10, Year 11 and Post 16

As you will be aware, the government has this week announced the new tier system along with the delayed return to school for students. This has caused some confusion and I would like to clarify a few things.

- Only vulnerable students and children of keyworkers will be in school for face to face sessions during the week beginning 5 January (with 4 January being a teacher training day). All other lessons and learning for Years 10 and above will be via Microsoft Teams.
- However, **all vocational exams** scheduled to take place in the next few weeks will still go ahead as normal – they HAVE NOT been cancelled ([click here for timetable](#)). These exams contribute towards students' final grades and therefore must be taken seriously with full attendance expected. All students involved were informed of these exams prior to the Christmas break.

Morning exams will start promptly at 9am. Afternoon exams will start at 1pm. Students should arrive at school **at least 30 minutes prior to the exam start** and report to Reception in the first instance, where they will be met by members of staff who will ensure they are ready for the exam. Year 10 and 11 students should be in full school uniform and Post 16 students should be suitably dressed for exams.

- Revision sessions that have been arranged will still take place. However, as we are in Tier 4, we are not allowed to invite students into school prior to their return to school date. Therefore, revision sessions will take place over Microsoft Teams - individual members of staff will send out details on Monday 4 January. It is **ESSENTIAL** that all students attend these sessions as well as any additional lessons staff may offer in preparation for the exams.

Please do not hesitate to contact one of us in school if you have any further questions. We recognise that this is a difficult time for everyone, and I would like to reassure you all that we all want students to succeed and will continue to do all we can to support them.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Strong'.

Mrs M Strong
Principal