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Dear Parents/Carers,

I apologise for the late communication. I write regarding the Department for Education's announcement late yesterday evening that individual schools would be responsible for making the decision whether vocational exams would go ahead this week.

We have decided that in the interests of safety, wellbeing and fairness for our students, we are going to cancel the vocational exams scheduled to take place in January for all students in Years 10,11, 12 and 13.

This is not a decision that has been taken lightly. We have taken into account all available guidance including local transmission rates within the community and the increase of Covid cases in Sefton and nationally. We have also considered the Education Secretary briefing where he stated: "The government position is that we will not be asking students to sit GCSE and A Levels". This being the case, we feel it is only fair to cancel the BTEC examination series after receiving further guidance from exam boards late last night.

We understand that this is very short notice but please be assured that we are acting on information as soon as we receive it. We will continue to respond to updates as we receive them and keep parents/carers and students informed accordingly.

We know that our students have worked extremely hard for these examinations and we will do our very best to ensure that their endeavours pay off. We are also mindful that a lot of students have been working remotely during last term due to self-isolation and we commend their efforts, resilience and work ethic throughout this time.

Students should continue to attend their live lessons remotely from home and it is important that students continue to engage fully in all lessons, work, homework and assessments as we will need all of this evidence to support us with any decisions we may have to make, and ensure all students achieve their very best in whatever process is decided upon over the coming months.

Students will no longer need to revise for these examinations. Please be assured that the school will ensure that students are not penalised or disadvantaged by not sitting these examinations.

The Secretary of State for Education is making a further detailed (we hope) announcement later today about the arrangements for the summer exams. We will keep you updated as soon as we have more information.

Thank you once again for your continued support and understanding during this frustrating time and the ever-changing decisions.

Stay safe and God bless.

Yours sincerely,

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