

# THE LEIGH ACADEMY



16<sup>th</sup> April 2020

JCO/JHR/BTEC/Grading

Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: Vocational and Technical Qualifications (BTECS) – Grading 2020

As you will know from my previous letter date 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, the academy has been awaiting a further Ofqual/DfE update in relation to the calculation of BTEC grades, following the Government's decision to cancel the summer examinations. As outlined previously, we are committed to championing our students and ensuring that they receive fair and accurate grades.

We have received an update from Ofqual about vocational and technical qualifications, including the BTEC courses that we deliver at The Leigh Academy:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/awarding-vocational-and-technical-qualifications-this-summer>

The key text from the link has been copied below:

*'The complexity of the landscape for vocational and technical qualifications means a single approach is not appropriate.*

*Calculated results will draw on a range of evidence, depending on the structure of the qualification. They may be based in part on teacher, trainer or tutor judgements of the result each learner would most likely have achieved, had they been able to complete their assessments in summer 2020. Any Centre Assessment Grade will be based on a range of evidence held by the school, college or training provider. Depending on the structure of the qualification, centres may be asked to provide a Centre Assessment Grade for the whole qualification, or for uncompleted modules or units. There might be some instances where they are asked to provide a rank order of learners (as with GCSEs, AS and A levels). Where appropriate, statistical techniques based on students' results in previous years, on these and on their academic qualifications, will form part of the adopted approach.*

*The awarding organisation offering the qualification will use any Centre Assessment Grade, combined with other relevant information, (such as marks for completed assessments in some modules or units), to determine the most appropriate calculated result. Our aim is for students to receive results alongside outcomes for GCSEs, AS and A levels.*

*We are working with awarding organisations, to finalise a list of qualifications that we will advise the Secretary of State should be in scope for learners to receive a calculated result. It will include many BTEC Nationals, Cambridge Technicals, and UAL Diplomas, as well as general qualifications such as the International Baccalaureate, Cambridge Pre-U and qualifications included under the umbrella term 'Core Maths'.*

*We are discussing the process for generating calculated results with awarding organisations, who will provide detailed information to their centres in the coming days and weeks'.*

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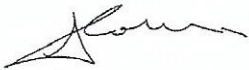
As you will see from the information outlined by Ofqual, a range of evidence is likely to be taken into account when BTEC grades are calculated. However, unlike A Levels/GCSEs, the process will differ between qualifications and we now await specific guidance in relation to our subjects at The Leigh Academy.

In the meantime, students should continue to complete **all BTEC** tasks set by their teachers. Until we receive confirmation from Pearson of how the BTEC qualifications will be completed, students must remain prepared.

Once again, we hope that you find this update helpful. Once we receive specific details regarding the calculation of grades per BTEC subject, we will be in touch with you again.

Stay safe and keep well.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julia Collins', written in a cursive style.

Julia Collins  
Principal