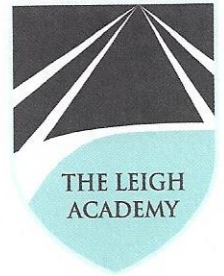


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Re: Vocational and Technical Qualifications (BTECS) – Grading 2020

As you will know from my previous letter, dated 16th April 2020, The Leigh 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 supporting our students and ensuring that they receive fair and accurate grades.

OFQUAL has launched a consultation on their proposals for awarding vocational and general qualifications including BTEC qualifications:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofqual-consultation-on-awarding-vocational-and-technical-qualifications-in-summer-2020>

As you will see from the information outlined by Ofqual in the consultation documentation, 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. This means that our guidance remains that students should continue to complete coursework units for all BTEC subjects, until we receive confirmation of how grades will be calculated in each BTEC subject we deliver at The Leigh Academy. The consultation remains open until 9th May, so we will not receive that confirmation until after that date.

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

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