



# Herne Bay High School

## Specialist Sports College

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6<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### Update on External Examinations for Year 11,12 & 13

Dear Parents / Carers & Students,

You will be aware that on Monday, the Department for Education (DFE) stated all Vocational Exams will take place in the January season which includes our BTEC, OCR, LIBF and other modular qualifications. Last night, you may also have seen that the DFE have updated this to enable **schools to make the decision independently around whether we can run exams safely.**

There are two elements to this. Firstly, your proximity to school and travel route; under the lockdown guidance, you can travel for educational purposes, but students will need to assess their route and the mode of travel considering the risks they may encounter. For example, walking would be low risk compared to a train or other form of public transport. Please consider the individual risk carefully when deciding whether to attend the exam.

When on site students will be required to maintain a greater than 2m social distance from anyone else and will sit the exam in a venue much larger than required for the number of students. This will ensure we can continue to distance students safely from one another (in all instances this will be greater than 2m). We have entry and exit to those venues that only exam candidates will use so they will cross paths with any other students onsite. The staff are solely involved in exams and are not mixing with additional students or staff.

In the exams room, students are encouraged to wear a mask, we can provide gloves and hand sanitiser all of which will be available on entry. We are 'fogging' the room between exam sessions which is a deep cleaning COVID effective measure. Students should limit the equipment they bring only what is required (a single pencil case / bottle water) and any materials in the room have been placed to decontaminate for over 72 hours. Exams staff will be wearing PPE including masks, gloves, face shields etc.

As a school, we know many students last year felt they missed their chance to get their grades by sitting exams, therefore we have decided that **we will run the exams** for those who can weigh up the above measures and feel safe to attend. I assure you that should students attend, we will do our utmost to keep them COVID safe.

The exam boards have shared the following information with regards to any student who cannot sit the exam due to any COVID related reason:

*We will certificate any learner who is unable to take their exams and has enough evidence to receive a certificate that they need for progression.*



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*Learners unable to take their assessment this January may be able to take their assessment at a later date. If that is not possible, we will put in place arrangements to ensure no learner is disadvantaged.*

At the end of this letter is a slightly updated version of the exam timetable for the coming 2 weeks. Please make sure students attend the examination punctually, arriving at GATE 3 ONLY, no more than 10 minutes before the time stated and that they make their way directly to the covered courtyard.

Once again, we have been placed between a rock and a hard place with the information and decisions that are being made by the government and the impact of the pandemic. For this I am sorry. We will, in this very challenging time, make these exams as accessible, safe and welcoming as you have come to expect from Herne Bay High School and wish students every success when taking them.

With kind regards,

**Mr J Boyes**  
**Principal**

**Copy of updated exam schedule on next page**



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Exam Timetable January 2021							
Date	Start Time	Duration	Exam Code	Subject	Title	Exam Board	REVISED Venue
Thu 07 Jan 21	09:00am	1h 15m	21492E01	Construction	BTEC Construction Technology	EDEXL/KSQ	Theatre
Thu 07 Jan 21	09:30am	2h 00m	09876	ICT	OCR Functional Skills in ICT Level 1	OCR	Plaza
Thu 07 Jan 21	12:00pm	2h 00m	09876	ICT	OCR Functional Skills in ICT Level 1	OCR	Plaza
Fri 08 Jan 21	09:00am	1h 15m	21474E01	T&T	The UK Travel and Tourism Sector	EDEXL/KSQ	Theatre
Mon 11 Jan 21	09:00am	1h 00m	R051/01	Sport Studies	Sport Studies: Contemporary Issues Sport	OCR	VS06/VS04/VS03
Mon 11 Jan 21	09:00am	3h 00m	21405J01	Sport/Football	Unit 22 Part B Investigating Business in Sport &	EDEXL/KSQ	VS01
Mon 11 Jan 21	09:00am	1h 30m	584001	ICT	Unit 1: Cambridge Technical: Unit 1 Fundamentals of IT	OCR	Theatre
Mon 11 Jan 21	13:30pm	1h 00m	R021/01	H&SC	OCR Cambridge National: H&SC:	OCR	VS06
Tue 12 Jan 21	09:00am	1h 30m	582701	Sport/Level 3	Unit 1: Body Systems & the Effects of Physical Activity	OCR	Theatre
Tue 12 Jan 21	09:00am	1h 30m	587201	Sport/Level 3	Unit 1: Body Systems & the Effects of Physical Activity	OCR	Theatre
Tue 12 Jan 21	09:00am	1h 30m	979301	Engineering	Unit 3: Engineering Solving Problems	WJEC	VS01
Tue 12 Jan 21	13:30pm	0h 40m	31617HB1	Applied Science	Unit 1: Principles of Applied Science: Biology	EDEXL/KSQ	VS01
Tue 12 Jan 21	13:30pm	1h 30m	20207K	T&T	Unit 1: The world of Travel & Tourism	EDEXL/KSQ	Theatre
Wed 13 Jan 21	09:00am	0h 40m	31617HC1	Applied Science	Unit 1: Principles of Applied Science: Chemistry	EDEXL/KSQ	VS01
Wed 13 Jan 21	11:00am	1h 00m	DipFS eTest	Finance	LIBF: Diploma in Financial Studies L3: Unit 3 Part A	LIBF	IT12/IT13
Wed 13 Jan 21	13:00pm	0h 45m	CeFE	Finance	LIBF CeFE Unit 1 eTest	LIBF	IT15
Wed 13 Jan 21	13:00pm	0h 45m	CeFS eTest	Finance	LIBF: Certificate of Financial Studies L2: Unit 1 Part A	LIBF	IT12/IT13
Wed 13 Jan 21	14:00pm	0h 45m	CeFS eTest	Finance	LIBF: Certificate of Financial Studies L2: Unit 1 Part A	LIBF	IT12/IT13
Wed 13 Jan 21	13:30pm	0h 40m	31617HP1	Applied Science	Unit 1: Principles of Applied Science: Physics	EDEXL/KSQ	IT14
Fri 15 Jan 21	09:00am	3h 00m	31555H	P/Arts Dance	Unit 1: 31555H Investigating Practitioners Work Part B	BTEC	IT12/IT13/IT15
Mon 18 Jan 21	09:00am	1h 45m	CeFS	Finance	LIBF: Certificate of Financial Studies L2: Unit 1 Part B	LIBF	Theatre
Mon 18 Jan 21	09:00am	2h 00m	DipFS	Finance	LIBF: Diploma in Financial Studies L3: Unit 3 Part B	LIBF	VS01