



# Herne Bay High School

## Specialist Sports College

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Dear Parent / Carer & Students,

### **Year 10 External Examinations Update - OCR Sport, OCR Health & Social Care Exams**

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.**

At this time, with the COVID rate so high and the transmission of the new variant unknown, we have made the decision that bringing a significant number of students onto school site to sit examinations has a significantly high risk that is unavoidable.

Not only has the education in year 10 in the lead up to Christmas been disrupted due to isolation, it is also the case that all year 10 students will have further opportunities, either later in year 10 or in year 11 to undertake this examination.

I hope you understand that these decisions are very hard to make and I know there will be students who will be disappointed by this decision. I am sure the teaching staff of these subjects will support all students in being as prepared and ready when the exam is rescheduled

With kind regards,

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