

**FAO: Parents and Carers of year 11 and year 13 pupils.**

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will no doubt be aware, the government has instructed all schools to close with immediate effect.

All examinations and assessments have been cancelled, including those for A'Levels, BTEC qualifications (Pathways) and GCSEs.

Despite this, the government have promised that all students will be awarded the qualifications they need. However we await details of how this will be achieved and how grades will be awarded.

We are currently in the process of compiling evidence of student progress and in-year achievement as we expect we will be asked to provide this in the near future. It is unclear what will inform A'Level and GCSE grades, but for the BTEC qualifications we expect grades awarded will be based in some way upon the results of internal unit assessments completed over the last two years.

With this in mind, it would be inappropriate to implement a structured remote working timetable for year 11 or 13. Instead we have asked students to finish off any BTEC assignment work which is currently outstanding and email it in. Teachers will ensure that students receive guidance as to what work they could be completing to maximize their grade, and will make themselves available via email and the VLE tools (such as google classroom) to respond to student needs.

We acknowledge that there are serious limitations on what students can achieve without access to the specialist resources at the academy, but never the less we will do what we can.

Please note that students will need to use their BOA VLE account to email teachers and upload evidence of their work.

In the event that your child is having issues logging in to their academy email or online resources please contact [ITHelp@boa-academy.co.uk](mailto:ITHelp@boa-academy.co.uk).

Of course we will keep you updated with regards to this situation as information becomes available.

Thank you for your on-going support at this difficult time.

Best wishes

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