

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: January exams cancelled

Yet again I would like to start by offering my apologies for the timing of this announcement. I know many students have worked hard over a number of months to prepare for the exams in January but yesterday evening it was announced that schools may cancel exams that are scheduled for this half-term, due to the deteriorating health situation in the country. After discussion within school and across the wider Minerva Learning Trust it has been decided that we will, **no longer, proceed with the planned exams in January.**

We believe that in the present national lockdown, with a focus on reducing contacts within our community and the disruption to learning our students have experienced, it would be unfair to ask them to come into school to take these exams, when there was the option not to do this. We understand that this will be a disappointment and I apologise for the short notice. Please note that this series of exams includes Pearson BTEC qualifications and also assessments delivered by the WJEC exam board. **Therefore, pupils should not come into school for any of these exams.**

We thank you for your patience and understanding in the present, difficult circumstances. We will continue to update you regarding exams and qualifications as further information is released by the Department of Education.

If you do have any further questions then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely,



Nick Parker
Headteacher

