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Our Ref: LD/RB/KS/cc/BTEC letter

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Dear Parent/Carer

We have now been advised by Pearson, who are the examining body for BTEC qualifications about how they intend to assess our pupils in Years 9 to 13.

It has been confirmed that the BTEC qualifications we offer at Barr Beacon School are classified by Pearson as a 'Calculated Results' qualification. This means that the BTEC result for your child will be calculated in the following way:

For Internally Assessed units, those components of the qualification that were fully completed and had been taken through the internal verification process prior to 20th March 2020, will be recorded as completed and those components grades submitted to Pearson.

Those units that were due to be completed after 20th March 2020 will be awarded a Centre Assessment Grade.

As part of the advice given by Ofqual, "A Centre Assessment Grade is a Centre's judgement about the grade that each learner would most likely have achieved had teaching, learning and assessment proceeded as normal. This professional judgement is to be derived from evidence (work, records of work) held within the Centre and which has been reviewed by subject teachers/tutors/assessors and relevant Heads of Department."

Pearson have also asked schools to provide a rank order to provide the most likely overall qualification outcome and a rank order of pupils for each grade. As part of the rank order, we have been asked to consider the overall grade a pupil would have most likely achieved had they sat any external assessment.

Centre Assessment Grades and rank orders will be completed for pupils in Years 9 to 13 for any BTEC internal or external assessments due to have taken place between 23rd March 2020 and 31st July 2020.

The Centre Assessed Grade and rank order will be completed as a combined submission for each BTEC subject for Years 9, 10 and 11 and for each BTEC subject in Years 12 and 13, with pupils in both years put into one single rank order. Following the submission of our rank order, Pearson will conduct checks and standardisation of the grades provided.

As with the grades for GCSE and A Level subjects, we are unfortunately not allowed to share this information with you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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