



Principal: Dr Katharine Vincent

Thursday 7th January 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to inform you that we have taken the difficult decision to cancel the majority of technical and vocational exams scheduled to take place at Mulberry UTC over the next two weeks.

As you may be aware, the government announced on Tuesday evening that schools and colleges should decide whether to run these January exams. Since that announcement, we have taken time to gather a full range of evidence about the implications of cancelling the exams and are now in a position to make an informed decision.

I am taking the decision to cancel most of the exams because I believe that this is the right thing to do for the health and safety of our school community. If we were to go ahead with exams, students would need to travel into school and gather in large numbers to sit their exams before returning home to families, many of which include vulnerable family members. We do not think it is sensible to ask large number of students to do this at the current time, given the lockdown restrictions and the high levels of infection in the local area.

I want to assure you that we have not taken this decision lightly. In each subject area where exams are being cancelled, we have a robust evidence-base that can be used to demonstrate that students have met the requirements of the qualification. I am therefore confident that cancellation will not have a detrimental effect on students' ability to complete their qualifications successfully and progress to the next stage of their education.

Exams which are being cancelled are highlighted in the table overleaf in red.

Exams going ahead are:

- Year 12 Performing and Production Arts – exam already completed this week
- Year 13 Performing and Production Arts – will go ahead on Friday 7th January as planned
- Year 13 Business resit exam for 16 students on Monday 11th January – will go ahead
- Year 13 Digital Media resit exam for 8 students on Tuesday 12th January – will go ahead

The two resit exams will go ahead because this is students' only opportunity to improve their grades. These exams, like the exams in Performing and Production Arts, involve a small number of students and therefore can be run safely in a way that larger exams cannot.

Please be assured that students' hard work in preparing for their exams will still be recognised. The school will do everything in our power to ensure that our students are not disadvantaged by the current situation.

If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Thank you for all your continued support during this time.

Yours sincerely,

Dr K Vincent
Principal



Date	Start	Length	Subject	Level	Candidates
Mon 11 Jan	09:00	01:30	CTec Level 3 Health and Social Care	CAMX/DI3	Y13 - 77
Mon 11 Jan	09:00	00:45	CTec Level 2 Health and Social Care	CAMX/DI2	Y12 - 23
Mon 11 Jan	13:30	01:00	CNat Level 2 Health and Social Care	CNAT/1&2	Y12 - 19
Mon 11 Jan	13:30	02:00	CTec Level 3 Business	CAMX/DI3	Y12 - 40
Mon 11 Jan	13:30	02:00	CTec Level 3 Business	CAMX/DI3	Y13 resit - 16
Tue 12 Jan	13:30	02:00	CTec Level 3 Digital Media	CAMX/DI3	Y12 - 13
Tue 12 Jan	13:30	02:00	CTec Level 3 Digital Media	CAMX/DI3	Y13 resit - 8
Wed 13 Jan	13:30	01:30	CTec Level 3 Health and Social Care	CAMX/DI3	Y13 - 77
Fri 15 Jan	09:00	01:30	CTec Level 3 Business	CAMX/DI3	Y13 - 18
Fri 15 Jan	13:30	02:00	CTec Level 3 Digital Media	CAMX/DI3	Y12 - 13
Fri 15 Jan	13:30	02:00	CTec Level 3 Digital Media	CAMX/DI3	Y13 resit - 11
Fri 15 Jan	13:30	01:30	CTec Level 3 Health and Social Care	CAMX/DI3	Y13 - 66
Fri 15 Jan	13:30	00:45	CTec Level 2 Health and Social Care	CAMX/DI2	Y12 - 23
Mon 18 Jan	09:00	02:00	CTec Level 3 Health and Social Care	CAMX/DI3	Y13 - 66
Wed 20 Jan	13:30	02:00	CTec Level 3 Health and Social Care	CAMX/ED3	Y13 - 55
Wed 20 Jan	13:30	02:00	CTec Level 3 Applied Science	CAMX/ED3	Y13 - 5