



Monday 4th January 2021

Dear all BTEC/ Cambridge National students,

Following the announcement from the Secretary of State on 30 December regarding the delayed return of some pupils to colleges and schools in January, the DfE has confirmed that external exams will **STILL GO AHEAD** in January/February.

Week commencing Tuesday 5th January The Castle Rock School will be open ONLY for a small number of students. Pupils due to take external exams will attend on the appropriate day. During this week there are two scheduled external exams:

- Thursday 7th January 9 – 10am, BTEC: The Music Industry (Year 11)
- Friday 8th January, 1.30 – 3pm, BTEC: Human Lifespan Development (Year 12 & 13)

Unless students are already in school, those students sitting these scheduled exams should arrive at The Castle Rock School 30 minutes prior to their exam and go into the **Bletchley dining hall** where they will be registered. Students will then be taken to their allocated exam rooms. Once the exam has finished students will leave the school premises and so please arrange transport home.

Week commencing Monday 11th January Year 11 and 13 students are scheduled to be in school. Exams this week include:

- Monday 11th January 9 – 10 am, OCR Cambridge National: Contemporary Issues in Sport (Year 11)
- Monday 11th January 9 – 10.30 am, BTEC: Working in Health and Social Care (Year 13)
- Friday 15th January 9 – 12pm, BTEC: Investigating Practitioners Work (Year 13)

All exams this week are scheduled in the morning. Students should register first with their tutor before reporting to their exam room.

Please note, whilst exam timetables have been emailed to all students, the examination rooms are subject to change in the first two weeks of term. Please be reassured that there will be 2m spacing between all desks in all exams. Both government guidelines and the individual needs of students will be met. If your child is classed as clinically extremely vulnerable we will put additional protections in place. Please contact me on dclayfield@castlerocksch.uk and I will discuss this further with you.

Week commencing Monday 18th January onwards The aim is to have all students back in school and so external exams will continue as planned in line with government guidance.

As always students will be required to hand sanitise on entry to all buildings and wear face masks in communal areas **at all times**. They must ensure they bring their own equipment in a transparent pencil case for their exam; including BLACK pens, a pencil, ruler, rubber and sharper.

Finally, to support our students in preparing for their future external exams we are still hoping to go ahead with the scheduled mock exams due to take place in the next half term. Year 13 mock exams are planned to commence Monday 18th January, and Year 11 series 2 mock exams in English Literature, Science, History and Geography will take place week commencing Monday 8th February. Teachers will be directing a combination of curriculum time and homework activities to support students in preparing for these exams.

Many thanks for your continued support.

We will continue to update you with any further developments.

Kindest regards

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