

Ernest Bevin College and Sixth Form Centre



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Dear Parent/Carers and Students,

In the Government announcement this afternoon, the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson confirmed that GCSEs, AS & A Level exams would be cancelled this year and Ofqual will provide details on how children will be assessed.

Mr Williamson did not make a firm decision about vocational examinations but did say in his speech that he wanted there to be a fair and consistent approach.

At Ernest Bevin we have made the decision not to run the vocational examinations that were scheduled for January in keeping with this fair and consistent approach to all students and in order to keep everyone safe during this time of National Lockdown.

We know that the students have been working really hard with their teachers for these examinations and there will be a level of disappointment amongst them on hearing this news. We hope by making this decision it will allow students and their teachers to focus on the high volume of coursework that makes up a large proportion of these qualifications.

We encourage all students to continue with their learning and their class teacher will be happy to discuss this with them in their next Live Lessons.

Yours faithfully

Ms Dohel, Principal