

6th January 2021



Selston
HIGH SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Paul Halcro

Dear Student and Parent

You may have heard on the news yesterday that the government has made the decision to allow schools cancel BTEC and Vocational exams in January if the individual circumstances of the exam and the school make it unsafe to run them. We have looked at the 3 exams we are running over the next few days and decided to take the difficult decision to cancel the PE OCR Sport exam that was due to take place on Monday 11th January 2021.

We feel that we cannot run this exam for the whole year group while keeping students socially distanced both in the exam and on their journey to and from school. We need to keep our students, staff parents and local community safe and running this exam could potentially put people at risk.

We know how hard students and the PE team have been working towards this PE exam and they may feel disheartened and sad at our decision, the learning they have done will support them during the rest of the course and we will be entering them for the same exam in the summer term.

There are two other exams which **WILL** still take place these are:-

BTEC Travel and Tourism - Y11 (resit) and Y10 – Friday 8th Jan – Start time: 8:50am (75 mins) – 33 students

CNat Childcare – Y11 – Wednesday 13th January – Start time: 8:50am (75 mins) – 26 students

These will be held in our leisure centre and other venues around school where we can safely social distance students and staff.

Students should aim to arrive 10 minutes before the start time and report to the leisure centre area where Year 10 should assemble near the astroturf and Year 11 assemble in the car park – students will be given further guidance if the weather is inclement.

Students should attend these exams in full uniform and bring with them their own equipment in a clear pencil case. Mobile phones are not allowed in any exam so these will need to be switched off and left in the student's bag or handed in at the start of the exam. We strongly advise that students wear masks for the duration of the exam.

School Buses will be running as normal in the morning but arrangements will need to be made for your child to return home immediately after the exam has finished. If you need support with getting your child home please contact us.

If students have any Covid symptoms, have tested positive or you are isolation due to having contact with someone with Covid please email us at enquiries@selstonhigh.org.uk and do not attend the exam.

Thank you for your understanding with this difficult decision.

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