



8th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Assalamu Alaikum (may peace be upon you),

Re: Creative iMedia Exam

I am writing to provide an update on the vocational exams happening over the next few days.

On 5th January 2021, the DfE announced that schools should continue with exams where they judge it appropriate and safe to do so.

The exam board has also confirmed that:

- They will award a grade for any pupil who is unable to take their exams and has enough evidence to receive a certificate that they need for progression.
- Pupils unable to take their assessment this January may be able to take their assessment **at a later date**. If that is not possible, they will put in place arrangements to ensure pupils are not disadvantaged.

Understandably, some pupils will feel anxious and ill-prepared for the exam. Parents and pupils might also feel that it is not safe.

We are running these exams because we can deliver them **safely** and because pupils have worked **really hard for months to prepare**. In addition, we cannot be sure of the consequences of not sitting the exam (particularly with so much uncertainty over the summer exams).

To support pupils, we are also delivering face-to-face lessons through delivering Creative I Media Collapsed Timetable classes where pupils have attended and have felt that that this is far more beneficial than online lessons.

If a pupil (or their parent) does not wish to attend the sessions, they can prepare by participating in the online lessons. If they (or their parent) do not wish for them to sit the exam on **Monday 11th January 2021**, we will respect your wishes and work hard to ensure that the pupil is not disadvantaged by their decision, however, we strongly recommend that they sit the exam.

For those sitting the exams, we are also planning to make a special request for dispensation (extenuating circumstances) which may mean additional marks to the exam scores.

If you have any queries or concerns, or need support in any way, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school and our efforts on behalf of your child.

Yours sincerely,

Majid Ditta
Principal