

Friday 18th December 2020

Dear Parents / Carers and students

I didn't expect that I would be writing to you so soon after my last letter, but needs must. As you may know there were several government announcements only yesterday about the return to school in January and the testing of staff and students in school. This letter outlines the implications for students at BBEC as far as we understand them at the moment. We have been given so little notice about this and so I ask for your understanding as we try to work through this together.

Information about reopening in January

Following the government announcements, BBEC will only open to the following students during the week **Tuesday 5th January 2021 to Friday 8th January 2021**:

- All students in Year 11,
- Vulnerable children,
- Children of critical workers,
- Year 10 students who have an external examination during the first week back can only come in for their revision sessions and their external exam – see below.

Year 11

All students should attend as normal. It is vital that we are able to keep up the pace of learning that has been in place since September so we can fully prepare students for their examinations this year. Please note that the plans in place for the external **Music BTEC examination** revision sessions on **Wednesday 6th January** and the examination **on Thursday 7th January** will go ahead as normal.

Vulnerable children

The government has re-defined the children who are classed as vulnerable. We will be contacting you if your child fits into this group.

Children of critical workers

All parents will be sent a separate text and asked to give information about their critical worker status, if this is relevant.

Year 10 students who have an external examination.

Please note that the plans in place for the external **Travel and Tourism BTEC examination** revision sessions on **Thursday 7th January** and the examination **on Friday 8th January** will go ahead as normal. Parents will be contacted separately about the arrangements.





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All our usual safety regulations will be in place to keep your child(ren) safe and we will be keeping children within their year group bubble as normal.

All other students in Years 7-10

All other students in Years 7-10 **should not** attend school during the week **Tuesday 5th January to Friday 8th January**. Students should access remote learning and try to follow their timetable each day. Remote learning resources are available in Teams for all subjects.

Full re-opening of BBEC

On **Monday 11th January** we will reopen BBEC to all students and resume face-to-face learning.

Mass testing

The reason for the last minute change of plans is that yesterday the Government has asked all schools to consider whether to implement mass testing within school. We will be using the week of the 5th January to look at the practicality of opening a test centre within BBEC and putting any plans in place to introduce these arrangements, should we decide to implement on-site testing. I understand that many of you will have questions about this, and I have too, but further guidance on how this could work has still not been published. Until it is published it is hard for us to make an informed decision. I will keep you informed as we hear more.

Once again thank you for your understanding.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday break.

Yours sincerely

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Head of School



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