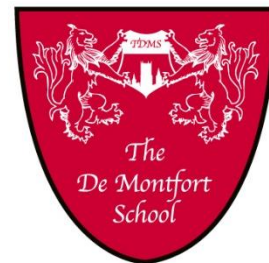


# The De Montfort School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## BTEC and other vocational examinations and Year 13 mock examinations January 2021

I am sure that you will have read about the government's recent decisions in enforcing a new lockdown and in changing arrangements for GCSE and A-level examinations.

As things stand currently, the January 2021 examinations for BTEC and other vocational courses are still going ahead. However, schools have been given a degree of autonomy to make their own arrangements for the conduct of these examinations during lockdown.

Mr Weston, Associate Headteacher of The De Montfort School, has asked me to write to you to explain how we will run the January 2021 examinations series for BTEC and other vocational courses and also how we will support students undertaking controlled assessments in other subjects.

### Examination timings

Date	Subject	Unit	Year	Session	Venue
08/01/2021	Health and Social Care BTEC	Human Lifespan Development	12/13	9.00am	Small hall
11/01/2021	Health and Social Care BTEC	Working in Health and Social Care	13	9.00am	Small hall
11/01/2021	Creative iMedia CamNat	Pre-Production skills	11	1.30pm	Small hall
15/01/2021	Sport BTEC	Anatomy and Physiology	13	9.00am	Small hall
18/01/2021	Travel and Tourism BTEC	Global destination	13	9.00am	PS9

### Controlled Assessments

Date	Subject	Year	Session	Venue
08/01/2021	Performing Arts CTEC controlled assessment (Units 1 and 3)	13	9am-3pm	PA1
08/01/2021	Performing Arts CTEC controlled assessment (Unit 3)	12	9am-3pm	PA5
14/01/2021	Performing Arts CTEC controlled assessment (Units 1 and 3)	13	9am-3pm	PA1
14/01/2021	Performing Arts CTEC controlled assessment (Unit 3)	12	9am-3pm	PA5
11/01/2021	Criminology WJEC Diploma (unit 1)	12	9am-3pm	PS4
12/01/2021	Criminology WJEC Diploma (unit 1)	12	9am-3pm	PS4
14/01/2021	Criminology WJEC Diploma (unit 1)	12	9am-3pm	PS4
15/01/2021	Criminology WJEC Diploma (unit 1)	12	9am-3pm	PS4
18/01/2021	Criminology WJEC Diploma (unit 1)	12	9am-3pm	PS4
19/01/2021	Criminology WJEC Diploma (unit 1)	12	9am-3pm	PS4
21/01/2021	Criminology WJEC Diploma (unit 1)	12	9am-3pm	PS4
22/01/2021	Criminology WJEC Diploma (unit 1)	12	9am-3pm	PS4

### Examination Support activities

Date	Subject	Year	Session	Venue
08/01/2021	Creative iMedia CamNat (Pre-Production skills)	11	10am-12pm	SU5

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## Attendance at External Examinations

All students are expected to attend all of their external examination sessions. The current lockdown situation has not rendered attendance as optional. Students that are absent without a valid reason, will be invoiced for the cost of the examination. Students must attend their examinations in appropriate school uniform.

## COVID safety measures

- We have carried out risk assessments for each examination and controlled assessment session to ensure that we are fully compliant with the latest Public Health England guidance;
- Students must arrive at least 15 minutes before their examination or controlled assessment session is due to start;
- All students must wear face masks when they arrive at school and when they are entering or leaving the examination room. Students are not required to wear face masks during their examinations or controlled assessment, but may choose to if they wish;
- Each student's work station during the examinations will be a minimum of two metres away from any neighbouring student; tables and desks will be thoroughly cleaned before each examination session;
- If students need to self-isolate and are, therefore, unable to sit their examination or controlled assessment, the current guidance from examination boards is that such candidates will be able to resit the unit in the summer examination window at no extra cost. If they are then unable to take the resit, the student will be awarded a Centre Assessed Grade;
- If a student displays COVID symptoms in the days leading up to or on the day of the examination or controlled assessment, they must self-isolate and arrange a Covid test.

For further information about the examinations or controlled assessment, please contact our Examinations Officer, Ms Sarah Reade, [sreade@tdms.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:sreade@tdms.worcs.sch.uk).

## Year 13 Mock Examinations and Live Lessons

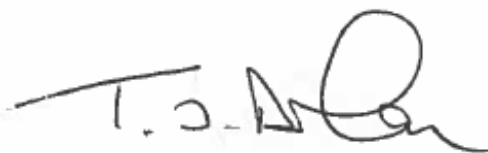
Despite the lockdown situation, we will still be holding Year 13 mock examinations between 12/01/2021 to 21/01/2021. These will be "open book" examinations, which students will complete at home. Teachers will post the examinations papers as well as clear and concise instructions on our learning platform Google Classroom.

We feel that it is important to continue with the examinations to provide structure and continuity for the students. They are also important for the teachers as a source of evidence for the awarding of Centre Assessed grades in the summer term. However, it is our intention to organise formal mock examinations once the students have returned to school.

Once the examinations have been concluded, Year 13 will have live lessons for all of their subjects through Google Classroom in line with the normal school timetable.

Please contact me at the school if you require any further information. Thank you for your continued support of the school in these challenging times.

Yours sincerely



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