

21<sup>st</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

L6 BTEC students and Criminology students have a number of examinations this January and will need to be preparing for them during the Christmas holidays. During this period of examinations, lessons will take place as usual around the exam schedule. Students have been sent individual timetables via email and will be advised by their teachers how best to prepare for these examinations. Please read the information below carefully which is organised by subject/qualification type. **If there is any change to these plans, Parents and Carers will be notified by the College by email.**

### **Criminology**

The assessment that is taking place for Criminology students is a 'real' *controlled assessment* and will count for 50% of their qualification grade. The assessment will take place over three days and will last 8 hours.

The times for the controlled assessment are as follows:

*Thursday 7th Jan 12.30 - No Internet*

*Friday 8th Jan 12.30 - Internet allowed*

*Monday 11th 12.30 - Internet allowed*

Those who have been assessed for access arrangements (or who are in the process of being assessed) will work with their usual allowances.

Students should ensure they are adequately prepared for the exam by organising all booklets and notes from this term in their folder (as shown in class) and removing any pre-planned campaign materials. They should be ensuring all booklets are filled in and that they have clear examples, as required in each booklet, of real examples of crime in the media, of crime campaigns, of the success rates of general campaigns and particular types of media. They should be reviewing the feedback they have received on homework tasks, particularly the consolidation of AC 1.1 to 1.6

### **BTECS**

Students taking BTECs have mock exams taking place during the period from Friday 8th January - Monday 18th January. These vary in length and students will be guided by their teachers so that they know what to expect. Those who have been assessed for access arrangements (or who are in the process of being assessed) will work with their usual allowances.

### **Info for all Parents/Carers**

Students taking Criminology and mock exams in other subjects will need to manage their workload carefully.

As with any period of examination we recognise that students can become anxious and worried. To support students with their mental and physical wellbeing, there are a number of resources available on the 'Connell Student' website. Please remember that the Progress Tutor is always available to speak to, as well as any member of the Safeguard Team during the examination period itself.

### **Covid 19**

If a student becomes unwell on the morning of an assessment with symptoms that could be related to Covid 19 or, is instructed by Public Health England to isolate following contact with a positive case, please contact the College as soon as possible. **The student should remain at home and await further guidance from the exams officer in both of these circumstances.**

If you have any questions about this period of examination please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes,

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