

Dear student

Vocational and Technical Qualifications

The Department for Education and Ofqual have confirmed that students on vocational and technical qualifications, that are used for progression to further study (at college or university) or to and through employment, should receive results this summer, where possible, to allow them to progress to the next stage. However, it has also been recognised that some vocational and technical qualifications signal occupational or professional competence so, in some instances, it may not be possible to award results in the same way.

All vocational and technical qualifications are being categorised into one of three groups that will determine how the qualifications will be awarded this year:

- calculated grades
- adaptation of assessment
- reschedule to a later date

Calculated results will draw on a range of evidence which will include submitted work, assignment grades, and, in part, teacher judgement on the result each student would most likely have achieved had they been able to complete all of their assessments in summer 2020. The awarding organisations will use the centre assessed result, combined with other relevant information, to determine the most appropriate calculated result. This is similar to the approach being taken with GCSEs.

Where it is not possible, or not appropriate, to generate a calculated grade, awarding organisations are considering how assessment methods could be adapted to enable a result to be generated in the summer term.

Lastly, in some cases, where qualifications directly signal occupational competence or offer a licence to practise, then there may be no option other than to delay the assessments to a later date when normal assessment processes can happen.

It has not yet been confirmed which qualifications sit in which category. Further guidance will be provided as soon as we know.

During the summer term, all lessons will continue to take place remotely until the college can safely open again; you should continue to attend your timetabled lessons during this time. This will ensure that you continue to develop the full range of knowledge and skills that you will need to support progression to further learning or employment next academic year. Engagement in learning is also important for your mental health and enables you to interact with your peers and teachers during this period of isolation.

Kind Regards



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