



Exams 2020 – Communication to Students

We wrote to you on Friday 20th March confirming the Government's announcement that no public examinations will take place this summer. The Department for Education (DfE) has now issued some further information about the intended grade awarding process – see [here](#). Please make sure that you read this carefully so that you are fully informed.

The DfE update indicates that grades for qualifications that would have had external examinations will be calculated taking into account teachers' assessment of a student's likely grade (based on a range of data which will include any mock exams and Key Assessment Point data), as well as other factors such as prior attainment. The calculated grade process will also take into account any non-examined assessment that has already taken place, so work that has been submitted will be marked as normal.

Please note carefully the following instructions for proceeding with your learning in light of this update.

GCSE and A level (Year 2) courses:

Any content that has not yet been taught will continue to be taught remotely, as set out in previous communications, but you will not be set any new formal assessments. It is important to continue covering this content and consolidating your learning because the DfE has indicated that students will have the opportunity to sit an exam at some point in the future if they want to (at the start of the next academic year or next summer).

Once all of the content on your course has been taught, your lecturer(s) will continue to be available to support you as detailed in previous communications. You are strongly encouraged to continue with consolidation of learning.

Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 (Year 2) vocational courses:

Content on remaining internally-assessed units will continue to be covered and assessments completed accordingly. Priority marking will be given to previously-submitted or resubmitted work to ensure units are completed uniformly across programmes. Moderation and verification processes are continuing with awarding bodies.

For courses with externally-assessed units, it is important to continue covering this content and consolidating your learning because the DfE has indicated that students will have the

opportunity to sit an exam at some point in the future if they want to (at the start of the next academic year or next summer).

Students intending to progress to the next level or stage of a qualification at RuTC:

For any student intending to progress from one level to the next, or from one year of a qualification to the next, the College will take into account the extent to which you have engaged with the remote learning that has been put in place during the college closure. As under normal circumstances, all progression is subject to a student's satisfactory performance on their study programme. When determining your progression options, the College will take into consideration not only your performance on your study programme up to now, but also the effort you put into your remote learning during the college closure and your willingness to engage with this learning. If you are unsure of our expectations of you in this regard, please refer to previous communications or contact your lecturer/tutor for clarification. Similarly, if you are having difficulty accessing the remote learning and assessment materials, please contact your lecturer/tutor immediately for support.

Further updates:

We will continue to update you if anything changes, or if any additional guidance is provided by the Government or exam boards.