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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Following guidance from ARK, BTEC examinations in January 2021 have been **cancelled** at Isaac Newton Academy. This has not been an easy decision and we apologise for timing. The picture nationally has been changing very rapidly and we have wanted to ensure we make the right decision for all students in our community.

The BTEC awarding body, Pearsons have agreed the following with Ofqual and the DfE to ensure that no learner is disadvantaged.

- Pearsons will award a grade for any learner who is unable to take their exams and has enough evidence to receive a certificate that they need for progression.
- Learners unable to take their assessment this January may be able to take their assessment at a later date. If that is not possible, Pearsons will put in place arrangements to ensure you are not disadvantaged.

We appreciate this must be a very difficult time for you. We hope that this update provides you with some clarity and reassurance that students will not be disadvantaged.

Students should continue their commitment to their ongoing courses of study and Isaac Newton Academy will continue to keep you informed of any further developments.

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Assistant Principal