



7<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear parent/carer,

## Vocational examinations – January 2021

No doubt you will be aware of the current educational landscape where we have recently been informed that summer 2021 examinations will not go ahead in the same format as usual. We are expecting more clarity in the days and weeks to come as to what that looks like and means for our students.

However we have recently received an update concerning vocational January 2021 examinations. We have been told that each educational setting is to make their own choice as to offer January vocational examinations if they feel it is right to do so. This currently only applies to the vocational exams taking place in January, not the exams in February and March.

As an academy, and supported by Oasis Community Learning, we have made the decision **not to offer** vocational assessments during January 2021. We have made this decision with the safety of students and staff in mind. We have been assured that this will not disadvantage learners, and that plans will be put into place to ensure they receive the grades they have worked hard to achieve.

The plans may include students who are unable to take their exams receiving the certificate that they need to progress should they have enough evidence, or by schools providing them the opportunity to sit their assessment at a later date. If these options are not possible, we will ensure other arrangements are made so that no student is disadvantaged.

Future updates from the Department for Education regarding exams in February/March and replacements for those assessments due in the summer will impact the above, and we will inform you as soon as we receive any updates. If you have any questions or concerns around this, please email [oaw.admin@oasiswintringham.org](mailto:oaw.admin@oasiswintringham.org) and we will make contact to discuss this.

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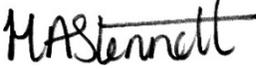
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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H Stennett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Ms H Stennett  
Principal