

LETTER TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS

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Dear Student and Parent

We have today received further information from the Department of Education about proposals to award BTEC, UAL, functional skills, and certain other vocational and technical qualifications this summer. I have copied the briefing, which contains a link to more detailed information, below. Ofqual (the Office of Qualifications and Exams Regulation) is the national exams oversight body, and will be providing further information after Easter including specific guidance for college staff.

As always, we will keep you informed of developments.

Best wishes
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Guidance on awarding vocational and technical qualifications this summer

We recognise students taking vocational and technical qualifications, alongside or instead of GCSEs, AS and A levels, urgently need to know what arrangements will be put in place for them. Ofqual has confirmed that these qualifications will be awarded a calculated result. Students due to take assessments for Functional Skills qualifications before the end of the summer will also receive a calculated result.

Ofqual's announcement can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/awarding-vocational-and-technical-qualifications-this-summer>