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Dear Candidate,

It is important that we keep you up to date with any new exam developments. The Minister for Education has just announced **“that there should be no end of year exams for GCSE, AS and A level qualifications in 2021”**.

However as noted by the Minister instead learners will:

- *Instead of exams, we intend to work with schools and colleges to take forward teacher-managed assessments.*
- *These should include **assessments that will be externally set and marked, but delivered within a classroom environment under teacher supervision.***
- *My expectation is that these will form the basis for centre-based outcomes which will be linked to an agreed national approach to provide consistency across Wales*
(Minister For Education letter)

Please view the Minister's letter in full on our website or click to read the press release [Link to press release](#).

As noted by the minister *“My intention is for this work to be finalised in December so that guidance and supporting materials can be in place for the start of the spring term”*) *While done for the best intentions, I can give you reassurance **that the first assessment activities will not need to commence until the latter half of the spring term*** “ (Minister For Education letter)

The minister will share an update about WJEC vocational courses at a later date as *“the situation for Vocational Qualifications is more complex and will require extra work”* ((Minister For Education letter). For courses such as BTEC, which are offered by Pearson, we will follow their guidelines.

Now that we have a clear direction it is very important that you stay focused and keep working through your studies so that you are ready to demonstrate the skills, knowledge and understanding you have and are developing. You can be rest assured that your teachers and all staff at our school will continue to support you.

Finally, we are sure we will be communicating with you as we get further updates but, until then, if anyone has a concern or worries, please do not hesitate to contact us on the following email addresses: Standards leader for KS4 and KS5 mgriffiths@milfordhavenschool.co.uk or jletten@milfordhavenschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

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