

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In these unprecedented times we would like to wish you and your families continued good health.

I am sure you have now had time to look at the two documents sent to you over the weekend in relation to the awarding of grades to your child. In line with the government guidance we aim to be as fair as possible and will be using all available information we have on your child to give our best estimates to help them secure a positive and sustained destination.

Part of this process allows us to submit evidence that can justify our predictions and for most subjects that will be in either in the form of examination performance or work completed during the course.

The guidance clearly states that students should not have to submit any further evidence and that projections are based on work currently submitted. Clearly though the challenge here is for students where the current evidence does not reflect what we might expect them to achieve in the summer. As the Ofqual document states, schools should award “the most likely grade a student would have achieved if they had sat their exams this summer and completed any non-exam assessment.” Therefore, if students have additional work and are still completing units then this will help reinforce the justification for awarding the grade.

We do not expect that all of the evidence is going to be checked by the exam boards, but we know they will ask for samples similar to moderation across the rank order. For the UTC the rank order will be critical and that the distribution of grades is reflective of a reasonable spread of performance. We as a centre have to get the rank order correct.

The guidance from Ofqual does not as yet directly reference Cambridge Technicals/Nationals so we believe we should continue to encourage students to continue to generate evidence. In particular, those where evidence is lacking but we think they would have achieved their target by the middle of May. With qualifications where it is 75% coursework we expect there will be greater emphasis on this so the more there is the better chance we have of awarding the grades we want. Of course anything we write may be subject to change as more information is released to us.

With this in mind please see below some further guidance and instructions from our two technical specialisms regarding their specific timelines to continue to add supplementary evidence that may help us boost the final grade of students.

Whilst this is not compulsory, we would urge parents to encourage your children to use this time to produce their very best work so we can evidence the potential we know all our students possess.

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As a staff we are continuing to work from home, so should you have any questions regarding this please contact your class teacher for each subject in the first instance if you have questions about the work you need to complete.

Kind regards,



Jess Stevenson  
Principal

### **Sport**

Y11

Y11 Sports Studies:

All upgrades for R053 and R054 need to be received by Mr Moorwood by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. This will leave time for any final amendments before submitting final grades before 29<sup>th</sup> May.

Y13 Sport:

Unit 7 – LPE – All written work needs to be received by Miss Pearcey by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Unit 6 – MBU – All written work needs to be received by Mr Burton by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May (you should complete the plans for your sessions despite not being able to deliver these).

Unit 14 MMO – All written work should be received by Mr Moorwood by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May (only outstanding should be P6 and P7, which you would have completed during work experience at SIV).

If there are any issues with completing this work, you should contact your teacher in the first instance. It is of utmost importance that your teachers receive all your completed work by the deadlines set. Any other issues please contact Miss Olsen.

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## Health

Year 11-

All coursework upgrades to be completed and sent to IFR for 15th May.

Students have all had personalised emails from IFR outlining their options for upgrading work.

Year 13-

All coursework upgrades for previous units to be completed and returned to the relevant teacher for 25th May.

All Unit 20 work to be completed and sent to IFR for 5th June.

All Unit 22 work to be completed and returned to SSM for 5th June

## Computing

Y11

### **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June: NCFE Interactive Media**

The final pieces of work to be submitted:

1. Portfolio document containing all screenshots and write-ups of work completed from units 1 and 2.
2. Any additional materials produced which can't be inserted into the portfolio, e.g. Python files or Unity projects.
3. The Project Proposal created at the end of Unit 2 (if it isn't already part of the portfolio).

Unit 3 (the externally assessed unit) is due to be released on the 11th of May with a submission date by the 19th of June. As of yet, there is no further information as to how this unit will be assessed.

Unit 4 (the review unit) relies on the completion of Unit 3, as such it can't be completed until after Unit 3.

Once more details are available, they will be passed on.

**FINAL DEADLINE IS FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE for the above NCFE Interactive Media coursework.**

## Y13

Complete assigned optional units by 5th May and submit via Teams to Mr Eggleton. We have a new CD starting 14th April so further updates will be provided to students.

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### **Additional notes.**

Preparing for A level

There has been a great deal of discussion on educational social media about what is the best thing for Year 11 students to be doing now. For UTC students in addition to ensuring you have completed all the work set out above is to start preparing for next year's A levels. If you like that idea, here are some links to some free resources available on Amazon for Kindle.

Chemistry <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Head-Startlevel-Chemistry-Level-ebook/dp/B00VE2NIGG/>

Biology <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Head-Start-levelBiology-Level-ebook/dp/B00VE2NIOI/>

Physics <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Head-Startlevel-Physics-Level-ebook/dp/B00VE2NII4>

Maths <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Head-Start-LevelMaths-2017-2018/dp/1782947922>

In addition there are some other university and similar taster courses available here:

[http://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/130503/online\\_courses/481/online\\_courses\\_for\\_schools](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/130503/online_courses/481/online_courses_for_schools)

<https://www.classcentral.com/report/new-courses-october-2018/>

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