

# The Harefield Academy

*Achievement through Active Learning*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

With the current national lockdown and the announcement yesterday about changes to the exams for students I am sure you will be concerned what this means for your child. The Department for Education has requested that the Secretary of State works with Ofqual to consult rapidly on alternative arrangements for students, to ensure that they can progress fairly to the next stages of education.

As soon as we get any further details on the assessment process for this year we will inform you of the outcome. At this stage we have been told that vocational examinations which in our case are NCFE and BTEC qualifications will still have exams this year. This includes the January examinations for Level 3 BTEC sport.

We do expect all Year 11 and 13 students to continue to engage in remote learning daily and as an Academy we will ensure that all students have covered all the specifications completely so that we can support them in being able to achieve the grades, they have worked so hard to complete, in whatever format the assessments take.

We will be continuing with the Year 11 and 13 Academic Review Meetings on the 13<sup>th</sup> January and 20<sup>th</sup> January respectively and further information will be sent out from Pastoral Leads in the next few days.

We appreciate your support with the ever-changing situation for your students, and we will keep you informed as soon as we have any further information.

Yours Sincerely,

*H. Timmins*

Helen Timmins  
Deputy Headteacher