

20 January 2021



Holderness Academy
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parent/Carer,

Cancellation of Vocational Qualifications February and March 2021

As you will be aware, the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, wrote to Ofqual to request a joint consultation on alternative arrangements based on teachers' assessment for student qualifications this year. The letter also confirmed that scheduled exams for vocational qualifications will no longer take place in February and March 2021.

Whilst we welcome this decision, which now aligns vocational and GCSE Qualifications and puts your safety first, we know that many of you will be disappointed as you have been studying hard believing you would be able to take the assessments. We want to reassure you that we will work with the examination board to ensure you are not disadvantaged, so that those of you expecting to complete your qualification this year will be able to progress.

We understand that Ofqual will consult on arrangements for issuing grades this year for exams due to take place in June 2021. We will continue to keep you updated of any changes that could affect your child.

In the meantime, can I remind all students that they must continue completing assignments, set by their subject teachers, to the best of their ability.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Wobbaka', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mr D Wobbaka
Assistant Headteacher – Standards

