



Traditional **Values**

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Creative **Curiosity**

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 BTEC Exam Arrangements - 12th May 2020

As you are already aware, your child has been studying the BTEC Tech Award in Digital Information Technology throughout year 9 and has now completed the required two coursework units for it. This coursework accounts for 60% of their overall GCSE grade in ICT and their final grade for the coursework will be reported on the next round of progress grades.

The pupils now have only to complete their final unit which is a written exam that they will sit on the **12 May 2020**. The fact that we are completing this course in year 10 means that few, if any, pupils have other exams to revise for at that time and can therefore, hopefully concentrate their studies on this one.

This Digital Information Technology - Component 3: Effective Digital Working Practices is entirely theory based and we have, for some time, been looking at the various methods and resources available through which the pupils can best reinforce the knowledge required to perform well in the exam. A resource we have identified is an online website that has been used previously and successfully in the school and is provided by a company called iAchieve. The company provides all of the required exam knowledge through their online learning platform in a highly engaging and interactive manner. This website allows pupils to work independently at home, meaning they can study the knowledge, test themselves using the online assessment and then revisit areas that they may be struggling with time and time again until they understand it. All pupils have now been given logins for this online resource.

Some pupils and parents are understandably concerned that the exam falls on the Tuesday of Work Experience week and have been asking what is expected of them with regards to the exam. All pupils must attend and complete their exam on 12th May starting at 8:45am. The exam will be finished at 10:30am (unless your child qualifies for extra time).

Pupil's attending work experience will be able to attend their placement following completion of the exam. Please also note that pupils attending work experience can wear suitable clothing for their work experience. We will also contact all employers to let them know of these arrangements. If your child is not taking part in work experience, they must come to school in full school uniform.

If you have any questions or if I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school on the usual number or by email at paul.bell@maletlambert.hull.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,

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