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Dear Year 11 student and parents/carers,

Firstly, I hope you are all keeping safe and well. I want to inform you of the newly released guidance from the Department for Education regarding how vocational qualifications will be awarded.

As with the GCSE qualifications, it has been confirmed that vocational qualifications will primarily be awarded using teacher assessment, therefore we will not be required to submit any work to the exam boards. To arrive at the grade, we will be using a rigorous process which uses the actual results of any completed internally assessed units, and also a teacher assessment of units which were not completed due to the forced school closure.

Similar to the GCSE qualifications, there will be elements of the calculations which are out of our control, taking into account the national picture. We have however been assured by the Department for Education and the exam boards that students will not be disadvantaged. In addition, if students do not feel their calculated grade reflects their ability, we have been informed that there will be opportunity to complete an assessment at the earliest available opportunity.

The government have assured us that the aim is to release the results of vocational qualifications at the same time as the GCSE results, on Thursday 20 August 2020.

If you would like more information, please refer to the guidance below from the Department for Education (DfE).

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/8811 09/Summer 2020 results for vocational technical and other qualifications UPDATE 24APR2020 . pdf

As I have said many times before, it has been a pleasure to be a part of your educational journey at Carleton High. I hope you are all starting to look forward to your next steps, whether that be at college or an apprenticeship, whilst also reflecting fondly on the memories you have made during your time with us. As always, thank you to parents and carers for your continued support over the years.

Yours faithfully,

Hannah Norman Assistant Headteacher

