

Update for students/parents/carers regarding vocational, technical and functional skills qualifications

I recently updated you all on the government announcement regarding GCSE and A level qualifications. We have now received some further information on other vocational and technical qualifications (such as BTEC Nationals, Cambridge Technicals, and UAL Diplomas) as well as information regarding functional skills qualifications. This latest information can be accessed [here](#) with more detail provided in [this document](#).

Vocational and technical qualifications

The key point is that students will be given a **calculated result** using a range of evidence in a similar way to that for GCSEs and A level. As vocational and technical qualifications are so diverse, Ofqual (the body that regulates qualifications, examinations and assessments in England) are working with awarding bodies to define the qualifications that will be in scope for the calculated result. It is expected that qualifications designed to help you progress to higher or other further education courses are potentially in scope to receive a calculated result. This will be true for the vast majority of courses at college.

To determine the calculated result, we may be asked to provide a centre assessment result for the whole qualification or for uncompleted modules or units. There might also be some instances where we are asked to provide a rank order of learners (as with GCSEs and A levels). The grades put forward by the College will then be standardised by the awarding body to make sure that they are as fair as possible. We are still waiting for further guidance on this and I will provide an update as soon as I can.

There are also other vocational and technical qualifications which are mainly designed to support progression into employment or into an apprenticeship. Ofqual is still working with awarding bodies to identify these qualifications and to see if it might still be possible to generate a calculated result. Where this may not be possible, awarding bodies will be looking at changes to assessments or delivery models. As before, I will provide an update as soon as I receive further information.

Functional Skills

Ofqual have confirmed that students due to take assessments for Functional Skills qualifications before the end of the summer will also receive a calculated result. This is all the information that we have at the moment and we are waiting to hear from the awarding body for more specific details.

Overall, please be reassured that whatever grades we are asked to put forward will be a fair and accurate reflection of your ability and progress so far on your course. Furthermore, as a College we will carry out an impartial check on these grades to ensure fairness before they are submitted to the awarding bodies. You will not be disadvantaged if you were not set or you were unable to complete any work handed out after the College closed.

It is important to note that we will not be able share the centre assessment grades with students, parents or carers.

You can, of course, continue to contact your teachers with regards to on-line / remote learning. You need to ensure that you are ready for your next steps and you may struggle if you do not have the underpinning knowledge and understanding that your subject provides you.

I would like to thank you again for your commitment to the College and for your continued patience.

I will be in touch again as soon as I have more information. If you have any questions and queries please do not hesitate to contact us on the main college number 01756 791 411 or via email at enquiries@craven-college.ac.uk

Kind regards

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