

THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to inform you that on Tuesday 2nd May, despite the School being closed to many students due to the industrial action taking place that day, students from Year 10 who are enrolled in BTEC Construction and BTEC Music subjects will be required to attend School to allow them to sit a moderated assessment. Therefore, your child must attend School on this day. The moderated assessment will take place in their subject classrooms for the entire day.

All Year 10 students will start and leave School at normal times and break and lunchtime also as normal. Students will be required to go straight to their Construction or Music classrooms at 8.30am for registration. Ms Curness and I will address the students outlining the plan for the day.

Year 10 students will complete their PSA moderated exam that is a vital component of their final grade in Year 11. Due to various factors, we have been unable to meet the allotted time frame that the students should have to complete their PSA's. I do not want to cause any further disruption to their education by taking students out of other subject lessons. I appreciate that this will be a Teacher strike day, however, using this time will allow minimum disruption to your child's learning.

Myself, along with a number of other staff will not be teaching on this day and will therefore be acting solely as exam moderators during the Year 10 moderated assessment for the five lessons in the day. This will ensure the students have a calm and positive environment to complete their final PSA.

It is very important that your child attends this controlled assessment; please can you support them by ensuring they come to school on this day.

Thank you all in advance for your support with this. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mark

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The Buckingham School is committed to ensure that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to <u>finance@buckinghamschool.org</u>, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.