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Dear Parents and Carers,

Vocational Qualifications

As part of your child's studies in either Btec (Performing Arts, Dance, Music, Health & Social and Enterprise) and/or OCR (Engineering and iMedia) qualifications there are a number of vocational internal components that must be completed to meet the course requirements. These components involve practical and coursework-based assessments that contribute significantly towards their final grade for their qualification (up to approx. 30%).

To allow students sufficient time to complete these assessments to the best of their ability, students studying these qualifications will be coming off their normal timetable over a two-week window from Monday 13 – Friday 24 April 2026.

The exact sessions will be accessible on students' Arbor timetables. During this time, students will be supervised by their subject teachers and will focus exclusively on completing the required vocational elements. Attendance is compulsory and will be recorded in the usual way, as this work forms an essential part of the qualification.

During the Summer term, we are excited to launch the *Seat on a Coach* initiative—an exclusive reward trip to Alton Towers for Year 10 students. Students who successfully meet the criteria set for their vocational subjects by the specified deadlines as below, and who demonstrate full engagement with their PPEs, will have the opportunity to attend this trip.

The visit will take place on **Friday 26 June 2026**, at an approximate cost of **£32 per student**.



Qualification	Criteria
OCR iMedia	Completed R097 to target grade. Deadline 1 May 2026.
Btec Enterprise	Completed component 2 to target grade. Deadline 1 May 2026.
Btec Health & Social	Completed component 2 to target grade. Deadline 1 May 2026.
Btec Performing Arts	Completed component 1 to target grade. Deadline 1 May 2026.
Btec Dance	Completed component 1 to target grade. Deadline 1 May 2026.
Btec Music	Completed component 1 to target grade. Deadline 1 May 2026.
OCR Engineering	Completed R015 to target grade. Deadline 1 May 2026.
GCSE Design	Completed an A3 mood board page, a product analysis page and a materials research page, including wooden joints to target grade. Deadline 12 June 2026.
GCSE Art	All Art coursework completed including 3 development pieces linked to chosen artists. Material techniques include – pencil tone, acrylic, watercolour, oil pastel and 3D card construction. Deadline 12 June 2026.
GCSE Photography	Unit one – An introduction to photography - Sweets still life, macro, texture, reflections, drawing in photography, black and white, flowers in ice and photoshop experiments. Deadline 12 June 2026.
WJEC Hospitality	Target grade for exam & nutritional essay written (task 1 first draft). Deadline 12 June 2026.

We would appreciate your support in encouraging your child to attend these vocational sessions fully prepared. This opportunity will ensure that they are able to achieve the best possible outcome in their vocational qualifications.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me
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Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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