

Dear Year 10 Students and Parents/Carers,

We hope you are all keeping safe, well and upbeat at this unprecedented and difficult time.

Stuart Worden, Principal at the BRIT School, has sent out a video [message](#) to explain our response to the latest information and guidance from OFQUAL (The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation) and our clear expectations of Year 10 students. This letter is to explain that message, provide further links for your information and underline some important messages from our last email on 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

### **Our expectations of Year 10**

We understand that all Year 10 students want to get the best grades possible next year. We want that too! For us to achieve this together, we need you to work as hard as you can in this difficult time. If you or your family are ill it is important that you take time to get better or support your family. If you find work set too difficult, too easy or you have any questions, then please just ask your teachers – we are here to help.

We have been told by OFQUAL that any work completed after 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 (when BRIT School closed due to the impact of the corona virus) will not count towards your final grade. For Year 10 GCSE and most vocational courses this would have been the case anyway, as coursework/controlled assessments and final exams are completed during Year 11. The exception to this is Film and Media Production and we are currently awaiting further board instruction for these entries.

Therefore the aim of all work currently being set by teachers is to further develop your knowledge and understanding and specific subject skills, relevant for your end of unit and end of year assessments in Year 10. All work completed in year 10 goes towards ensuring that you are ready to complete coursework, controlled assessments and final exams at the end of Year 11. This is still the case and you should therefore **complete the work set to the best of your ability**. If you need help to understand some work set please ask your teachers – they are happy to support.

We are hoping that in the next few weeks the Department for Education (DfE) and OFQUAL will release information that will explain how schools and exam boards will fairly assess current Year 10 students and how the course content might be revised to take account of the teaching time lost this year due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

As soon as we have any more information we will let you and your parents know.

### **BRIT Now**

Besides this Year 10 students can be involved in:

**#BRITNow** – a platform to showcase your best creative work over the lockdown period.

**Interested? We want every strand represented so it could be sharing your model box, lighting design, games blueprint, fine art, photography, spoken word, monologues, music, film (max 3mins if possible), animation....**

Please use [wettransfer](#) as the preferred method to send work to the email [britnow@brit.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:britnow@brit.croydon.sch.uk)

Year 10 tutors will continue to keep in touch to check that students are ok, to pass on any pastoral messages and they remain the first port of call if there are any concerns or questions.

Stay safe and healthy

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