

Dear Year 12 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 12 students. This letter is to explain that message, provide further links for your information and underline some important messages from our last email on 3rd April.

We understand that all Year 12 students want to get the best grades possible next year and we want that too! For us to achieve this together, we need you to work as hard as you can in this difficult time and we will support you by continuing to teach as best we can.

If you or your family are ill it is important that you take time to get better or support your family. If you find the work set too difficult, too easy, or you have any questions, then please just ask your teachers – we are here to help.

Updates from UAL and OFQUAL about exams

We have been told by OFQUAL that any work completed after 17th March 2020 (when BRIT School closed due to the impact of the corona virus) will not count towards your final grade.

UAL - Final major projects may not be used for assessment by UAL, however, it is essential to continue to embed your learning and your creative practise. You will all be progressing to year 13, so your continued work is an investment in your successes next year.

AS and A levels - Year 12 students who would have been completing AS exams in English, History and Film Studies and GCSE Mature English and Maths, have been told by OFQUAL that their exams have been cancelled this summer and further information was provided in a letter to students from OFQUAL on [3rd April 2020](#). We would like you to feel confident that this is being managed strictly according to the OFQUAL [guidance](#). All staff here, working with the exam boards, want to ensure that you get the best grade possible.

Your exam results will therefore be based on:

1. The grade your teacher/s believe that you would have achieved if you had sat the exams and completed any non-exam assessment including:
 - classwork
 - bookwork
 - any participation in performances in subjects such as music, drama or PE
 - any non-exam assessment – whether or not complete
 - the results of any assignments or mock exams
 - previous examination results – for example, for any re-sitting students or those with relevant AS qualifications
 - any other records of student performance over the course of study
2. The rank order of students within each subject, at your school or college, by performance. This information will be used to standardise judgements – allowing fine tuning of the standard applied across schools and colleges.

All schools have been told that we **MUST NOT** share our grades with students, parents or carers, under any circumstances, until the final results are issued. Please do not ask.

For those students who would have been taking Functional skills exams this summer, we are awaiting information from the exam board and will let you know as soon as we have any news.

OFQUAL are hoping to have resits of the exams in the autumn term 2020 and/or next summer in 2021 for any students who would like to take the exams again.

Our expectations of Year 12

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 UAL and A level courses.

We expect all year 12 students will fully complete their work set by Strand teachers during the school closure period. It will be assessed by BRIT and is essential preparation for Year 13 to ensure you have the skills and experience to achieve next year.

You should therefore **complete the work set to the best of your ability**. If you need help to understand any work set please ask your teachers – they are happy to support. As soon as we have any more information from OFQUAL we will let you and your parents know.

Another important area of focus for you at the moment will be applying for the next stage of your career, including but not exclusive of, university, dance/drama school and apprenticeships. Now is a good time to work on this, and our Careers team are very happy to support in any way they can.

BRIT Now

Besides this Year 12 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 [wetransfer](https://www.wetransfer.com) as the preferred method to send work to the email britnow@brit.croydon.sch.uk

Year 12 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

Always BRIT