



Wednesday, 10 January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: GCSE Computer Science

I am writing to inform you of a change to the assessment requirements for the GCSE Computer Science course, which the exams regulator Ofqual announced this week. You may have read in the press of ongoing concerns that one element of the Computer Science qualification, the non-examined assessment, has been open to unfair practice, as it appears that some of the tasks have been leaked online. The non-examined assessment is effectively a series of tasks that are completed in school under exam conditions, with the marks submitted to the exam board by teachers.

As a result of these concerns, Ofqual has announced that whilst the non-examined assessment still needs to be completed, it will no longer count as part of the overall GCSE Computer Science grade. This means that the two examinations at the end of Year 11 will make up the entire qualification grade and will each make up 50% of the final grade.

Clearly, this is disappointing news for both staff and students at Brockington as a huge amount of work has been put into the non-examined assessment and the work has already been completed on time and in accordance with exam regulations, however our focus must continue to be on preparing the students for their summer exams as we had planned.

I have attached a letter to students provided by Ofqual for your information.

If you have any further queries about anything in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact either Mr Patel or myself at college.

Yours sincerely,

Jon Barton
Assistant Principal

