

## COVID-19 NOTICE FOR PRIVATE CANDIDATES (14.1.2021)

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Further to the announcement from the Education Secretary Gavin Williamson on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021; it will not be possible for June 2021 GCSE, AS & A Level examinations to go ahead as normal this summer. The exam boards are waiting for details of what this means for independent learners/private candidates from the Government and Ofqual. Once the exam boards receive this information, it is then sent to exam centres. The regulator Ofqual has drawn up a range of contingency options and further details and consultations will begin this week. Bath Academy is unable to guarantee when we will receive the outcome on the current situation from the exam boards.

All processing of any A level / AS level & GCSE June 2021 private candidate exam applications has been postponed until we receive further guidance from DfE, Ofqual and the exam awarding bodies.

If you have already registered with Bath Academy as a private candidate, whether or not you have received/paid your final invoice, the exam entry process has been halted. We will hold onto any monies already received until we have full clarification on the exam situation, at which time you will either be informed that your entry may go ahead, or alternatively you will be offered a full refund.

Although Edexcel/Pearson and CIE have the intention to run International GCSEs (IGCSE) & A Level examinations in the summer May/June 2021 as planned, it may be that Bath Academy are not in a position to hold these for Public Health reasons; in which case you will receive a full refund.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Bath Academy is not able to offer predicted or centre assessment grades for private candidates.

Please be patient with us and we will be in contact with you once we receive confirmation and guidance from the exam boards.

Thank you for your understanding.

Kind regards,

Exams Department