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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware, your child has chosen to study one or more BTEC subjects as part of their GCSE options. BTEC subjects are assessed differently from most GCSEs. Your child will soon begin completing **Pearson Set Assignments (PSAs)**, which contribute 60% to their final BTEC grade.

Unlike a traditional exam, PSAs are completed during supervised assessment sessions over a set period of time. They give students the opportunity to show the knowledge and skills they have developed throughout their course.

It is important that students approach every PSA with a positive attitude and give their best effort. To give themselves the best chance of success, students should:

- Attend all lessons and arrive on time.
- Remain focused throughout each assessment session.
- Use teacher guidance and feedback where this is allowed.
- Check their work carefully before submitting it.
- Keep trying when they find a task difficult.

The first PSA tasks have been started, and we will let families know in advance when their following PSA assessments will take place.

Families can help by discussing upcoming PSA dates at home, encouraging good attendance and making sure they are well-rested and prepared for each assessment session.

At school, we will provide students with the support and guidance they are allowed to receive. However, students must take responsibility for making the most of their assessment time and producing the best work they can so that they achieve their full potential.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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