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Y10 BTEC Travel and Tourism

Dear Parent/Carer,

I wanted to provide you with some information for Year 10 pupils studying BTEC Travel and Tourism.

In Year 10 of the Travel and Tourism qualification, 60% of the end grade is completed as set coursework. Pupils are assessed by 'timed tasks' known as Pearson Set Assignments (PSA), whereby they are required to complete an assignment set by the exam board in an allotted time.

On September 1st, the PSA information was released from the exam board to the school. From this point onwards until the end of May, students will be completing 2 components under supervised conditions within lessons. **It is therefore very important that all students attend every lesson to complete their exam assignment tasks.** As the PSA time is monitored, all students are expected to complete these tasks in silence, just like an external exam.

Work will be set to complete at home to directly inform their PSA write up and we appreciate your support in completing this. Pupils will be required to meet internal deadlines in order to meet the required exam board assessment windows, therefore attendance and keeping on task in each lesson is of paramount importance as their PSA components will impact their final Travel and Tourism grade.

The Travel and Tourism course comprises of two PSA components and an exam element. Please see the table below for further information.



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Assessment Overview

Component	GLH	Qualification Weighting	Marks available	Type of assessment	Length of Assessment	Availability
Component 1: Travel and Tourism Organisations and Destinations	36	30%	60	Internal assessment (PSA*) with 5 tasks. Externally moderated	4 hours of monitored preparation and 6 hours of supervised sessions	Twice a year: September release for December/January moderation (from 2023) January release for May/June moderation (from 2023)
Component 2: Customer Needs in Travel and Tourism	36	30%	60	Internal assessment (PSA*) with 4 tasks. Externally moderated	5 hours of monitored preparation and 6 hours of supervised sessions	Twice a year: September release for December/January moderation (from 2023) January release for May/June moderation (from 2023)
Component 3: Influences on Global Travel and Tourism	48	40%	60	External synoptic exam. Externally marked	2 hours	Twice a year in January and May (from 2024)

The marks will be collated and will inform their overall grade:

Qualification level results: the minimum uniform marks required for each grade

Qualification Grade	L2D*	L2D	L2M	L2P	L1D	L1M	L1P
Maximum UMS = 300	270	240	210	180	150	120	90

In terms of how the BTEC grades compare to other GCSE courses, please see attached:

Level / Qualification Grade	Grade Equivalent
Level 2 / Distinction*	8.5
Level 2 / Distinction	7
Level 2 / Merit	5.5
Level 2 / Pass	4
Level 1 / Distinction	3
Level 1 / Merit	2
Level 1 / Pass	1.25

By the end of Y10, students will have completed 60% of their Travel and Tourism Course, as they will have completed both Component 1 and Component 2. This leaves the remainder 40% for the exam that will be completed in Y11, they will only have one opportunity to pass the exam, which is likely to be in the June season with their other GCSE exams.

If you have any questions regarding this information, or the course more generally, please feel free to email me: Laura.pallas@nllt.co.uk



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Your sincerely



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