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Dear Parent/Carer

Ref: AQA Technical Award in Food and Catering

On September 4th 2017 the Department for Education (DfE) announced that 9 of the 10 new Technical Awards due for first teaching 5th September 2017 would no longer be accredited. This is despite earlier assurances that the qualifications would be accredited and following the August announcements of dates for the first examinations.

AQA have stated that they will continue to work with the DfE and hope to have the issue resolved by Easter. However, they cannot guarantee that they will be successful. As a school, we are not prepared to “gamble” on whether a qualification will be accredited or not. It is far too great a risk to take with your child’s future.

Alternative qualifications have been explored and investigated. My conclusion at this stage is that students who have opted to study the AQA Technical Award in Food and Catering switch to the GCSE AQA Food Preparation and Nutrition qualification.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact me at the college.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Greathead
Head of Design and Technology