



Vocational lead – Ms Fallows

- **Range of vocationals** (discussed different exam boards and how good it is to have such a wide range of vocationals/subject areas available to students)
- **Combination of internal/external units**
(discussed the different types of assessment and the advantage to learners of this)
- **Assessment is ongoing, continuous and counts towards the students final grade** (discussed the importance of all types of work, homework, and assessments that are marked counts towards their final grade and better the mark the higher their final grade)
- **Deadlines & the importance of them in a vocational subject** (important due to every piece of work counting towards final grade)

*I then showed them the assessment booklet, importance of parents knowing when assessments are happening etc. *



- Can have majority of components/units of the course “banked” by the end of year 10 for most vocationals
- Reduces workload and stress in year 11 when other subjects are being completed (GCSEs)
- Opportunity to complete /controlled assessment-coursework rather than an exam only based qualification
- There is a resit exam opportunity for most vocationals (not all and I discussed CDMP for example and the controlled assessment being a pass or fail and the importance of students knuckling down for this type of assessment).

Also discussed the importance of learners nailing the exam first time in the Jan/Feb series of Y11 and not needing the option of a resit and then having that advantage of focusing on other exams

KEY POINTS

- All vocationals now have a 'terminal rule'

(discussed that exams come at the end and only after all coursework/controlled assessments are complete and moderated)

- Concerns with the above – (discussed the importance of good attendance and not missing assessment windows)

- Resits:

(discussed students under performing in the exam in Y11, not meeting their TG and the negative if the student achieves lower in the resit than that grade that counts)

- Importance of learners achieving the best mark in all coursework/controlled assessments (advantage of this means they don't need such a high mark in the exam in Y11)
- Students staying on top of classwork, homework etc. (the new changes to vocationals means homework will count towards the assessment and the learners final grade)

