Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware you child has started the BTEC Tech Award in Health and Social Care. Pupils have been working hard since September and are enjoying the course so far.

Over the next few weeks, we will be completing Year 10 coursework – this is known as a Pearson Set Assignment or PSA.  **This will count towards their final grade.** The course as a whole consists of:

Year 10 PSA Component 1 due May 2025 - 30% of the final grade

Year 11 PSA Component 2 due December 2025 - 30% of the final grade

Year 11 final exam Component 3 Summer 2026 - 40% of the final grade

Each PSA is split into 5 different tasks. Pupils complete the tasks under exam conditions but are given time in lesson beforehand to plan the work and are able to refer to all the notes that they have written in their exercise books over the last four months. The work is completed on Teams and pupils will be fully trained on how to write and submit their assignments. Because the PSA’s must be under exam conditions pupils are not allowed to complete any of the writing up at home, however they are free to do any planning in their own time as necessary.

**I would like to stress at this point how important your child’s attendance is over the next few weeks**, at least until Easter. Pupils must be present in all lessons and if they are absent when planning tasks they will need to catch up the work in their own time, and if they miss a lesson in which we are typing up a task under exam conditions they will need to come back after school to complete any work they have missed in designated catch-up sessions. This PSA is a great way to gain really high marks which translate into a good grade to take into Year 11. Many pupils exceed their target grade in the PSA’s with their hard work and I have very high hopes for class of 2026!

Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have any questions about the upcoming PSA’s.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E McGill, Course Leader BTEC Health and Social Care.