

2nd March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the past few months all year 10 engineering students have been completing a synoptic project on designing and making a mobile phone holder. This project is worth 60% of their final mark. We have very recently been informed by the exam board (NCFE) that a new project will be issued to students. The new project is designed to enable the project to be completed with far fewer materials and tools. This is to enable all learners to be able to access the project whatever conditions they may be experiencing due to the COVID19 pandemic. Students will now be researching, designing and making a cardboard robot. This change has been made to all schools nationally.

As we have always done, we will be supporting students in achieving the best possible outcomes, especially in this crucial part of the course. Other changes mean that students can still work on this project from home and are no longer restricted to a timeframe. We expect the project to be completed for a first marking in early May, this is followed by a second marking in July after formal feedback has been given. This gives us plenty of time to adapt and ensure excellent outcomes for all.

We are arranging an online session 9am, tomorrow morning (Wednesday) in order to inform students in person as well as answer any questions.

In the meantime, if you have any queries about these changes, please direct them to krumary@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Yours faithfully,

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