

## **Motion to full council**

This council notes:

- (i) The impact that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have on the education of all children;
- (ii) That the greater impact of the pandemic in the North West of England means that children in our area are suffering greater disadvantage than those in areas which have been less afflicted; and
- (iii) The requirement for children across England to sit GCSEs and A levels in the summer of 2021 will have a significant and deleterious impact on Burnley's children in view of the education that they have missed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, which may lead to discrimination in their choices of higher education.

This Council calls on:

All Members of the Borough Council, the Leader of Council and the Council's Chief Executive

Burnley's Member of Parliament

Lancashire County Council, County Councillors and the Education Department

to lobby the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Education to cancel the examination system for GCSEs and A levels in 2021 and to introduce an alternative system of fair assessment for this academic year no later than the beginning of 2021.

The necessary changes should be made as soon as possible. Students and staff need certainty and clarity *now* to prepare for next year including assessment criteria which are clear and fair and which take account of the fact that the pandemic has affected different parts of the country to different extents.

**Mover: Cllr Margaret Lishman**

**Seconder: Cllr Anne Kelly**