



Thursday 21 October

Dear parents and carers,

Our Year 12 students finished on Wednesday morning after taking part in the annual 'dress up the college' activities on Tuesday afternoon. It was fantastic to see the Year 12 students participate in these activities as a group respectfully and safely. They are to be congratulated for the way they conducted themselves, displaying our college values of Pride, Respect and Responsibility. Year 12 teachers are still available during regular class time for exam revision and preparation. Please encourage your child to come along and make the best use of this time.

It will be great to see all students in Year 7-11 return to on-site learning tomorrow. We acknowledge this might be a challenging time for some students as they return to full time on-site learning and I encourage you to reach out to your child's mentor if you have any concerns about them returning to school.

With the return to on-site learning for all students there are a few simple things they can do to ensure it is a safe return for everyone.

1. Sanitise hands regularly (before and after classes, as well as before eating anything)
2. Wear a face mask at all times when on-site as well as when travelling to and from school
3. Practice physical distancing where possible in the school yard
4. Stay home if unwell
5. Go and get tested and isolate until they receive a negative result if they are displaying any COVID symptoms

If we return to a further period of remote and flexible learning to due a localised lockdown, I will advise you about the restrictions in place at that time. For the foreseeable future, I strongly recommend all students take their learning materials home with them each day because these shorter lockdowns can be announced with very little notice.

It is also important that if there is a COVID positive case in our student population, the college is notified of it immediately. We have robust internal processes to manage this if the situation arises and rest assured, I will communicate with you all in a timely fashion throughout any such scenarios.

I will continue to provide updates when there is information which needs to be shared with you all.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

Regards,

Simon Wood  
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