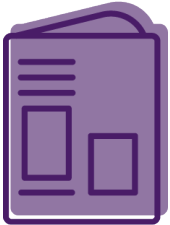




PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

Tuesday 13th October

Yesterday the Government made a number of Covid-19 announcements. Our mini bulletin provides an update for you.



A Level exams will take place later in 2021 - we will be working to ensure that they are as fair as possible

Yesterday, the Department for Education announced that the A Level exam series next summer will start on Monday 7th June and end on Friday 2nd July 2021. This means that there is a 3 week delay to when these exams normally start.

Whilst this delay to the start of the A Level exam series is welcomed- allowing a little bit more time for us to try to catch up on the lost learning from the full lockdown earlier in the year- we will be working with the Sixth Form College Association (SFCA) to ensure that there is well considered and fair contingency plan, a Plan B, if these A Level exams are not able to go ahead as scheduled. Please note however, at the moment, the plan is that they will go ahead. If you are a Year 13 A Level student, you should expect to sit your A Level exams next year.



Kirklees & Calderdale are both tier 2 areas - but not much to daily life has changed!

Yesterday, the Government also announced that Kirklees and Calderdale would be in Tier 2 (High) for Covid-19 additional restrictions. This simply confirms for a longer period of time the additional restrictions already in place in these local authorities. For schools and Colleges, the Tier level of a local authority is irrelevant. We are required by the Government to remain open. We are required by the Government to provide the majority of learning onsite. We are doing both. So for Huddersfield New College, it will be business as usual, or as usual as it can be in a Covid-19 adapted College (unless we experience a College based Covid 19 outbreak and the DfE and Public Health England decide to close the College for safety reasons).



Live streaming of lessons: remember you cannot opt to join a live-streamed lesson instead of one onsite, unless you are self-isolating.

Following our bulletin last week, this is a polite reminder that you cannot choose to join a live-streamed lesson if your timetable says you should be attending a lesson onsite. The only exception to this is if you are self-isolating, and you must follow the normal absence procedure to tell us that you are self-isolating. *If you need further detail, please refer to the bulletin issued on Thursday 8th October.*

Independent Learning Hubs and access to a live-streamed lesson on site

We are aware that a small number of you may need to access a virtual live-streamed lesson onsite either due to your travel arrangements or because you simply need to use a College PC and the College wi-fi. We have plenty of independent learning hubs around College where you can go, if you want to work independently, or if you need access to a PC and the internet to join a live-streamed lesson. *Please note that even though these hubs may be located in a dedicated curriculum area, you do not need to be studying a subject in that curriculum area to use them.* The main independent learning hubs are the LRC and the Study Centre. In addition, you can use:

- o Art building – hub 839 on the lower floor
- o Art building – the hub at the bottom of stairs
- o Main building – Science / Maths area hub 418
- o Main building - Business hub 309
- o Main building – Humanities hub 206
- o Health and Sports building – the hub by room 922
- o Art building – lower floor 839
- o Art building – bottom of stairs
- o Main building – Science / Maths area hub 418
- o Main building - Business floor hub 309
- o Main building – Humanities floor hub 206 (floor 2 above reception)
- o Health and Sports building – top floor by room 922





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Winter is approaching

As you will be aware from the change in weather, winter is approaching. Please make sure you are coming to College in your warm winter clothes and coat. This is because we will be keeping windows open to aid ventilation and to try to limit the spread of the virus on Campus. It will get cold in your classrooms.

In addition, many of you are choosing to eat your lunch outside with your friends, where it is safer to do so. As we move into winter, you will need warm clothing to continue to do so. We have our own arctic climate at HNC!



And finally:

We have opened an overspill lunch area in the Sports Hall, and placed extra tables and chairs in the entrance to the new theatre. Please feel free to use these additional spaces, if the Main Dining area and Costa Café are busy during the lunch break.

