



PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

Thursday 8th October

From Monday 12th October we will begin our preparations for the live-streaming of all lessons home.

This move to the live-streaming of all lessons home is to ensure that all your learning is protected in the event you or your teacher are self-isolating, or in the event of a further lockdown. Currently, two thirds of your learning each week is adversely affected, if you or your teacher are self-isolating.

Please note: this move does not mean that you can choose to join a livestream lesson instead of attending College, as required. It is the law that if you are well you attend College for the majority of your learning.

What this means for you:

- ✓ If you are self-isolating because you have displayed symptoms of Coronavirus or you have tested positive for Coronavirus, you can access all your lessons from home via MS Teams
- ✓ If you are self-isolating because you have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive test for Coronavirus, or you live with someone is displaying symptoms of Coronavirus, you can access all your lessons from home via MS Teams
- ✓ You are in a College that is ready for any further increase in the infection rate nationally, and any further Covid-19 additional restrictions
- ✓ Your teachers will start live-streaming all lessons from Monday 12th October, moving from partial to full engagement in these lessons from home by the week commencing Monday 19th October. We appreciate your patience as your teachers make this happen
- ✓ Your teachers will continue to live-stream your lessons home via MS Teams, even if self-isolating themselves, as long as they remain well.

What it doesn't mean for you:

✗ That you can choose a live-streamed lesson in place of a taught lesson on Campus. As stated above, it is a legal requirement from the Government that you attend College for the majority of your learning

If you feel there are exceptional circumstances as to why you cannot attend the majority of your learning at College, as is legally required, and you are not self-isolating, then you will need to make your Progress Tutor aware. These exceptional circumstances will then be considered by the Deputy Principal: Curriculum and Quality who will make a decision about whether learning fully from home for an agreed period of time for a reason other than self-isolating can be authorised

✗ That you do not need to tell us if you are self-isolating. We still need to know if you are self-isolating, and the normal absence reporting procedures apply. You will still need to book a test, if you display Coronavirus symptoms, and you are still expected to return to learning at College, as required, if you have a negative result

✗ That it will be a perfectly smooth move to the live-streaming of all lessons! This is a big move for your teachers. Please be patient and bear with them during the main transition week, starting on Monday 12th October





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We appreciate that this is another major change, and we understand that life in this pandemic is full of constant change

The driver for our decision to make this move now are the factors outside of our control, in particular, the rapidly rising national R rate. With this is looming the very real threat of a 'circuit break' or a second full lockdown in the near future, and we want to be ready for this.

This is because we remain determined to ensure that this global pandemic will not affect our role in trying to help you to achieve your future ambitions.

Coming up... the 5 'Covid 19 expected behaviours' at HNC

If you were stopped by the Police for not wearing a seat-belt, would you argue that you don't have to wear one; that it is your basic Human Right to be able to choose to wear one or not, and thereby risk a hefty fine and/or arrest by refusing to do what the law requires?

No, of course not. You accept that this is the law and you abide by it, because it keeps you safer in a car.

The world-wide pandemic has created new laws and new expected behaviours that we may not like but with which we have to abide, to keep ourselves and others safe.

We also know that at times it is very difficult to abide by these laws, and to behave as expected, because both the law and the expected behaviours change frequently, as the worldwide pandemic develops, and because they make our lives harder and less fun.

As a College, we do not like having lots of restrictions on behaviour. We pride ourselves on creating an adult learning environment in which we expect everyone to behave as adults.

This is still the case. But in order to manage the risk of Covid-19 spreading on Campus, and to our wider families, we have had to define far more carefully some of the adult behaviours we expect.

You have now had a month at the College to learn these adult behaviours and to practise them. In tutorial next week you'll be reminded about them and from then on we expect full compliance with these behaviours.

Full compliance will be extremely frustrating at times, but we would expect you to be respectful – if you are reminded of these behaviours. An underpinning College value is Respect and treating others how you would like to be treated yourself. Please treat each other and our staff with such respect, at all times.

And please remember that we are only requiring these behaviours because it makes our College as safe as possible for us all.

Thank you.

