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Dear Parent/Carer

Today marks the end of our academic year for students at the College. This has been the most extraordinary academic year in my thirty- five year career in education. I am sure it has been a most extraordinary academic year for you, too. However, as we come to the end of this year, life outside our homes is slowly trying to return to a semblance of normality, and the Prime Minister has announced that from September, he would like us to return to a semblance of normality in education too.

In September, all primary and secondary pupils in England are expected to return on a full time basis to school. This is our ambition for you, too. To start your academic career at Huddersfield New College on a full time basis. Sadly, this will not be possible immediately, from September. Whereas it is very difficult in schools to welcome all pupils back safely, on a full time basis in September, by creating year group bubbles, to minimise contact between the different year groups, to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus, it is impossible to do so in a College with only two year groups, with 1250 students in each.

The only way to minimise contact between the two year groups at the College, as advised by the DfE guidance, to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus, is to reduce the number of students on site at any given time. So this is what we are planning for in September, reducing the numbers on site, to enable a safe return to College for all, through a timetable model which involves learning mostly on site at Huddersfield New College, combined with a small element of remote working from home, supported by teachers. With a clear intention to increase this to full time learning on site, as soon as it is safer to do so. This is fully in line with the DfE guidance published yesterday, which recognises that for post 16 providers, welcoming back all students safely in September, 'may need [remote learning] as an essential component of delivery' alongside classroom teaching.

Before you start at our College in September, we will be issuing you with a Student Guide (this will accompany your enrolment letter), outlining in detail the full suite of Covid 19 safety measures in place at the College to make it a Covid 19 secure College, and with which we will need you to comply, to keep yourselves and others, as safe as possible on Campus. How you access this guide will be explained in the letter we send you over the summer to confirm when and how you enrol at HNC, the enrolment period is Friday 21st to Thursday 27th August.

You will be able to access your timetable for September on CEDAR (our College portal for students and their parents) on Thursday 3rd September at 1pm and you will receive more information about this when you enrol at HNC. Teaching at the College will begin on Friday 4th September, and you will be expected to be in College for the start of your first classroom based lesson on this timetable. You will be aware from our social media channels, that we are currently implementing a full suite of safety measures to make our College a Covid 19 secure one for you. Please be assured that these safety measures will comply fully with the safety measures for post 16 providers, published by the DfE yesterday.

Until then, I would like wish you a happy summer break. It is a long summer break, so please check in regularly with your HNC@Home, so that you continue to hone the academic skills and knowledge that will underpin your success in your studies at the College.

Please continue to take care, stay safe and stay well. We very much look forward to welcoming you to our College in September and so we are able to identify you, please remember to send us an appropriate passport size photograph for your College membership badge.

Yours sincerely

Angela Williams

Principal