



# PRINCIPAL'S DAILY BULLETIN

Thank you all so much for your patience and understanding and general good humour on your first day back. This is the first time we've had so many people in the building since March 20<sup>th</sup> 2020!

This is the first time the Covid -19 safety measures we have put in place around the College have been tested, and widely. And not all have worked, as hoped for, or anticipated.

In response to this, over the next few days, we are looking to make the following small changes to hopefully make College life better for you:

- More hand sanitiser stations will be placed at the entrance to the College, to make it quicker and easier to sanitise your hands on arrival
- The main dining area and Costa Coffee will be rearranged to allow you to sit in friendship groups at lunchtime. **You must wear a face mask in this communal area ( unless exempt\*) and maintain a social distance of 1 metre from your friends and others, especially if they are eating or drinking.** *Thank you for your co-operation*

Some frustrations

- **Wearing a face mask.** This is a mandatory DfE requirement in corridors and in communal areas because parts of Kirklees and Calderdale are in partial local lockdown. It is to help keep you and others safe. So when we remind you to wear one, in a corridor or in a communal area, please remember this. We are simply trying to keep you, your friends and others safe.
- **Wearing face masks in corridors and in communal areas, but not in classrooms.** This is because in corridors and in communal areas you are coming into contact with lots of others outside of your classroom 'bubble'. It is not mandatory in classrooms because in the classroom you are in a dedicated subject 'bubble'.
- **The One Way System.** This will make some of your journeys around College longer, and we know this is inconvenient, but again the purpose is to keep you safe by ensuring that as you move around College your contact with others is minimised. Please respect the One Way System. Follow the Feet ( or temporary EXIT signs until more feet arrive)
- **Ways out of the main building.** We cannot open one at the base of the stairs to Humanities and Business , as requested, because not only is this a Fire Exit but it would create a potential access point to the College for intruders. We are though looking to see if we can introduce a safe way out through the main reception, in addition to the 4 way outs from the main building already in place (through the Study Centre, from the doors into the inner courtyard, and through the door at the far end of the main dining area, from the door at the end of the Maths corridor).
- **Identifying the Remote Learning sessions.** These are the 1.5 hours per option block where you will be supported to study at home. Your timetable is on CEDAR and these 1.5 hour sessions are identified on this time-table as **REMOTE**. You should be at home for these.

\*If you are exempt from wearing a face mask, please go to the Study Centre and ask to speak to our High Needs Provision Manager, George Rosseter. He will check the detail of your exemption with you, flag your exemption on CEDAR, and issue you with an exemption card, which you can store with your membership card, and can show, if challenged about not wearing a facemask in a corridor or in a communal area.

If you have any other thoughts or ideas as to how we can make our College a safe place to be for all, please email us at [info@huddnewcoll.ac.uk](mailto:info@huddnewcoll.ac.uk) and we will see what is possible.

*Take care. Stay safe. Stay well.*

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