

Wednesday 10th June 2020



Dear students and parents/carers,

As promised, please find below my final communication about the plans for the period Monday 15th June – Friday 3rd July 2020, the end of the academic year for students. I apologise for the length of this communication but it is the most complex end to an academic year that we have ever planned.

The key points in summary for all Year 12 Advanced Level students:

- We are currently in Phase 1 of the end of year plan. This ends on Friday 12th June
- Until Friday, 12th June, as previously communicated, remote learning, supported by subject teachers, is the expectation of all Year 12 Advanced Level students
- Phase 2 of the end of year plan starts on Monday 15th June. From this date onwards, expectations of Year 12 Advanced Level students will differ, depending on programme of study (please see below)

Important dates for the diary

- All Year 12 students will be expected to participate in two important virtual Progression Conferences on Monday 15th and Wednesday 17th June

If you are studying for a Level 3 BTEC/WJEC qualification

- On Friday 12th June your Year 12 BTEC/ WJEC qualification will conclude and a teacher assessed grade will be submitted for you to the relevant awarding body. There will be no further opportunity to influence this grade, and your results for this qualification will be published on Thursday 13th August 2020
- **However, your remote learning will continue.** From Monday 15th June- Friday 3rd July, you will be invited to engage in self-guided learning for your BTEC/WJEC qualification, using the learning resources your subject staff will place on Moodle for this purpose, to enable you to continue to develop your subject knowledge, and to provide you with a firm foundation for the follow on Year 13 qualification
- Your pastoral curriculum will also continue until Friday 3rd July and the focus will continue to be helping you to plan your next steps. This will also involve participation in two virtual Progression Conferences, on Monday 15th and Wednesday 17th June, noted above

If you are studying for a two year linear A Level or CACHE qualification

- Between Monday 15th June – Wednesday 24th June, in line with the new government guidance that you should be offered a face to face review, to complement your remote learning, you will be invited to an individual face to face subject review with each of your A Level or CACHE subject teachers. This will be a virtual remote review on MS Teams or Moodle Big Blue Button (both of which have a record and recall feature)
- Between 15th June – Friday 26th June, alongside this subject review period, you will be expected to engage in self-guided learning for your A Level or CACHE qualification, using the learning resources your subject staff will place on Moodle for this purpose, to enable you to continue to develop your subject knowledge, and to provide you with a firm foundation for the final year of your A Level or CACHE studies
- In the final week, Monday 29th June – 2.45pm Friday 3rd July 2020, you will return to remote learning in your A Level or CACHE subjects, supported by your subject teachers
- Your pastoral curriculum will continue too until Friday 3rd July 2020, and the focus will continue to be helping you to plan your next steps. This will also involve participation in two virtual Progression Conferences, on Monday 15th and Wednesday 17th June 2020, noted above

If you are studying for a Level 3 BTEC/WJEC alongside an A Level

-Your Level 3 BTEC/WJEC qualification will conclude on Friday 12th June, and you will be expected to engage in the self guided learning in this qualification aim until Friday 3rd July, as noted above

-Your A Level qualification will continue until Friday 3rd July, and you will be expected to engage in a face to face subject review, self-guided learning and a final week of remote learning, supported by your subject teacher(s), as noted above

-Your pastoral curriculum will continue too until Friday 3rd July, as noted above

Partial re-opening of the College Campus: Monday 15th June - Friday 3rd July 2020

In line also with the new government guidance, from Monday 15th June-Friday 3rd July, the College Campus will be re-opened for targeted groups of young people in Year 12. The criteria for this is outlined below. Please note that any Year 12 student who falls into one of these targeted groups will be contacted directly with further information about how this will work.

Group A Year 12 A Level/CACHE students who have either self-identified, or have been identified by their Progress Tutor, as being in need of access to a different learning environment, for a short period of time, to continue successfully with their remote learning until the end of the academic year.

Group B Year 12 A Level/CACHE students who have identified themselves to their Progress Tutor as experiencing WiFi challenges at home, which is inhibiting their remote learning.

Group C Year 12 A Level/CACHE students where subject teachers identify through the face to face subject review (see above), a need for an additional face to face review, to facilitate their successful transition to Year 13. These additional face to face reviews will take place on the College Campus, if possible, in the week beginning Monday 29th June, and will be conducted by the Course Leader and/or Head of Department.

Group D Young people in Year 11 with an Education Health Care Plan, to help ease their transition to the College in September. This will be on an individual basis, by request. All other young people in Year 11 are being supported in this transition through our newly developed and recently launched online Campus, Your HNC @ Home.

These targeted groups of young people in Year 12 (and a small number from Year 11) will expand the numbers of young people physically on the College Campus from Monday 15th June, as requested by the new government guidance. To date, only Year 12 vulnerable young people, and young people with critical worker parents, as officially defined by the government, have had the opportunity to access the College Campus for supervised remote learning, on request.

Our primary concern as a Senior Leadership Team in putting together this plan to the end of this academic year, has been the safety and well being of our students, as well as our staff. We believe that the plan we are putting in place is thoughtful and considered, and is focused on helping our year 12 advanced level students to learn most successfully, in the most appropriate and safe environment, in these challenging and extraordinary times. Alongside this planning, we have been going to considerable lengths to put in place stringent social distancing measures, on the Campus grounds, and in the main building, where we will host any on site supervised remote learning, additional face to face reviews or individual bespoke Year 11 student visits, to ensure the safety of all who come onto the College Campus, and into the main building, Monday 15th June - Friday 3rd July. These stringent social distancing measures will be rolled out across the whole College Campus during the summer, to facilitate the wider re-opening of the College to students from Tuesday 1st September.

It is crucial in these challenging and extraordinary times that our commitment to ensuring the success of every young person at Huddersfield New College stays strong and remains at the heart of everything that we do. We believe it is at the heart of this plan. As such, we very much hope that we can count on your support, to help make this plan a resounding success.

As always, take care, stay safe and well.

Angela Williams
Principal