



## **Update on phased reopening for the HNC College Community:**

*Year 12 Advanced Level students only*

Dear Year 12 Advanced Level students,

I hope that you and your family are safe and well.

I am writing to update you about our response to the government's announcement on 10<sup>th</sup> May that we should reopen the College, in a phased way, to a limited number of you on year 1 of a two year A Level course, from 1<sup>st</sup> June. Whilst this is an aspiration we fully support, the guidance is very clear that schools and colleges must only reopen, if they can do so safely.

Before confirming a date for our reopening, we are considering carefully all aspects of College life, and how we can minimise the risk of any spreading of the virus in our College community. This has been our priority throughout this unprecedented situation, the safety and wellbeing of our students, their wider families and our staff.

Our early planning has identified that we will be unable to reopen the College safely in line with the government's ambition of 1<sup>st</sup> June – for example, we are advised that students should avoid travelling on public transport, especially at peak times, but the wide geographic spread of our student body means that majority of you rely on these public services to get to College. We therefore need more time to determine how we can meet these new guidelines, and how we can create a College environment that is as safe as possible. As a Senior Leadership Team, please be reassured that we are firm in our conviction that we will not reopen the College during this ongoing pandemic unless we can ensure that the College is as safe as possible.

I am therefore asking for your continued patience and understanding, as we work through the planning for a potential reopening of the College. Until we do reopen, online learning, supported remotely by your subject teachers, will continue.

Below I have confirmed again for you how this on line learning will continue, from the 1<sup>st</sup> June.

- **Year 12 Advanced Vocational (BTEC/WJEC) students**

The reopening and return to College of a limited number of students before the end of this academic year will not apply to you.

All Year 12 students on an Advanced Level Vocational course have been awarded a Centre Assessed Grade for their course. This means that the Year 12 course is complete. This is why you are now working with your subject teachers on non-assessed coursework, which will underpin your continued success in Year 13. This work will continue to be online, supported remotely by your subject teachers, until the end of the academic year.

- **Year 12 A Level students**

The reopening and return to College of a limited number of students before the end of this academic year may apply to a very small number of you, if your subject teacher believes it would be of genuine benefit, to help you to re-engage with online learning, facilitating a more successful transition to the second, and examination year of the A Level course. From 1<sup>st</sup> June, we will contact you directly if this applies to you. In the meantime, if you are studying for an A Level, you are expected to continue with your A level work on line, supported remotely by your subject teachers, until the end of the academic year.

Please note, the guidance from the government is very clear that families are free to take the decision about your return to College from the 1<sup>st</sup> June, should it be requested by us that you do attend College. Neither you nor your parents/carers will be penalised, if the decision is to keep you at home, where you

can continue with online working. You will not miss out from such a decision, as online learning, supported remotely by your subject teachers, will continue for all until the end of the academic year.

Finally, to enable us to maximise time for online learning, supported remotely or otherwise, the cancellation of the Year 10 Taster Days has enabled us to move the end of the academic year for all Year 12 from 4.15pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July to 2.45 pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

As always, stay safe and well – and we genuinely look forward to when we can safely work with you again, face-to-face.

Angela

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