



PRINCIPAL'S DAILY BULLETIN

Monday 14th September

Social Distancing

A small number of parents/carers have asked us to clarify the DfE requirements around social distancing in College.

The only social distancing requirement is that we must place a 2 metre social distance between teachers and their students in the classroom, and between teachers and their colleagues in work rooms.

We have done this.

Outside of this, we are advised by the DfE to implement a 2 metre social distance, wherever possible.

We have done this wherever possible, primarily in the LRC, the College Library and in the Study Centre.

We are also advised by the DfE to put in place other safety measures on Campus to mitigate against the general lack of social distancing elsewhere.

The measures we have put in place are:

- Modifying our College timetable to minimise student numbers on the Campus at any one time, by reducing their lesson time on Campus to 2 out of 3 lessons
- Requesting that students respect this reduced time on Campus, and are only on Campus when they have a lesson
- Providing every student with a free face mask and requiring them to wear them in corridors and in communal areas
- Providing hand sanitiser at the entrances to each building, in communal areas, and in every classroom
- Providing hand wash or soap and water and paper towels in all toilets
- Having a one way system in place around the Campus, with a requirement to keep to the left, to minimise crossing points
- Opening windows to promote good ventilation
- Arranging classrooms with students sitting side by side , facing the front (or a wall if an IT classroom in a horseshoe set up)
- Having dedicated Year 12 and Year 13 entrances
- Having dedicated Year 12 and Year 13 dining spaces (Year 12: Costa Café and Year 13: the Main Dining Area
- Requesting students meet with their friends outside of the College buildings, in an open space on the Campus
- Requesting students refrain from personal contact each other, and leave a space between themselves and others as much as is possible

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For these mitigating actions to be successful, all students must comply with them, and behave as requested. I would like to ask all parents, carers, guardians to please encourage their son or daughter to do so. This is even more important now that as a College Community we have had our first student test positive for the virus.

The government have just launched a new national Covid 19 safety slogan:

Hands
Face
Space

If we prioritise:

Washing or sanitising our hands more often than usual, and as an essential on arrival, when moving between rooms, after a break, before or after eating and on exit

Wearing a face mask when moving around the College, in corridors and in communal areas as mandatory, and optional in classrooms

Placing a space between ourselves and others, at least a 1 metre plus space, if possible, when boarding and disembarking from a College bus, when walking into College, when entering or exiting a College building, when moving around the College buildings, in corridors and in communal areas, and when exiting College

this will help to make the College a safer place for all.

Staying Safe Together relies on everyone being aware of:

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every single minute of every single day.

Take Care. Stay safe. Stay well.
Angela

