

12th October 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

As the half term approaches I wanted to write to you to update you on how the first few weeks of term have gone.

We have been impressed with the way that our students have adapted well to the 'new normal' across the college. They have adopted the additional health and safety measures that we have introduced and are being supported to implement these controls. We are continuing to emphasise the need for students to wear face masks in communal areas and ensuring there is regular hand sanitisation throughout the college day.

I would like to thank parents/carers for working with us by following our attendance guidance and not sending your son or daughter to college if they are displaying any symptoms of Covid-19. Should you have any questions about this, then please do get in touch and we will support you with this.

As you are aware we have had positive cases in both year groups over the past few weeks. Thank you to all our parents/carers for your understanding of the measures that we have been required to take following our communications with Public Health England. Should we receive any further positive cases, we will communicate with our parents/carers in a similar manner.

We ask that students who are asked to isolate follow their normal timetable as far as possible, taking part in live and recorded lessons, completing work and other tasks set by their teachers on Google Classroom. This period of absence will not affect attendance records.

For students retaking GCSE English or Maths in November, the college is delivering a series of revision sessions over October half term. Students will receive an invite with details of when the sessions are occurring. For students taking A Level examinations in June 2021, we are delivering some compulsory grade booster sessions over October half term. These will help your son/daughter to prepare for the mock examinations that take place in December. Please ensure your child attends as the sessions will provide some vital additional support.

Finally, we continue to be aware that this is a period of real uncertainty for us all. We understand that this can impact young people in different ways and would wish to remind you that should you have any concerns about your child please contact us and we will work with you to further support them.

Best wishes

Jane Hopcroft
Principal