

We have really missed not having year 12 students on campus. The face to face experiences are what make our community so special and enriching. In normal circumstances year 12 students would have returned this week from sitting their internal exams. These exams have now been cancelled due to COVID-19. We have had to make many adjustments to our normal provision, but we are doing the best we can to continue to deliver our courses remotely and to support students as fully as possible. We have been carefully planning the remaining weeks of this term to ensure that we can conclude this important first year with our year 12 students as successfully as possible.

We have outlined below the key information for the remainder of this year. We encourage you to also check [King Ed's Virtual](#), where we will post information about re-opening as soon as our plans are confirmed.

### *Potential return to college in June*

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The Government has laid out an expectation that colleges should provide the opportunity for some face-to-face sessions before the end of term. We will endeavour to do this as long as it is safe to do so and we have been working hard on plans to ensure a safe opening. We are conducting a deep clean of the whole campus and we have developed a rigorous on-going cleaning regime. We will implement strict social distancing, so it is important for students to know that we will be unable to open social spaces and we will not allow students to congregate in groups. Further detail will be available once the opening date has been confirmed.

Our plan is to offer all students the opportunity to have one long sessions in each of their A level subjects between 15 June – 3 July. When we are in a position to confirm the opening date, we will send students a timetable, indicating when the sessions on campus will take place. In addition, we will offer all students a minimum of one 'live' session per A level delivered remotely. This will also be scheduled between 15 June - 3 July. There may be variation in the way the remote 'live' sessions are delivered; this will depend on the subject and staffing capacity within that subject.

We hope that as many students as possible will be able to attend the face to face sessions on campus, but we recognise that not all students will feel able to attend for a number of reasons. No new content will be delivered during these times and online course delivery will continue. Sessions on campus will focus on consolidating course content that has been delivered throughout the period of college closure, reviewing this material and answering questions students may have.

The greatest concern for the college is the health and well-being of the members of its community and we will only allow staff and students back onto site in a controlled manner that ensures everyone's safety. We recognise that many of our students travel some distance to college and will need to use public transport. Our aim is that face-to-face meetings are long enough to be worth the effort and that, as far as possible, travel will be away from the usual peak time.

We are not able to give any more detail at this point as we wait for further guidance from the Government on the exact protocols for recommencement. We will be in contact as soon as we are able to share our plans.

### *Progression into year 13*

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Students will receive the third subject assessment grade in the week commencing 8 June. These grades will be based on the whole year's work and will be representative of what teachers believe the final outcome would be if current progress was maintained. These will be communicated to parents/guardians by email on during the second week of June.

If a grade U is given, the student will not be allowed to study that subject in year 13. To progress into year 13, a student must have **at least two viable subjects** to continue; in other words, two subjects where they have a grade higher than a U.

Students must have a full programme for year 13 and those left with only two subjects will be offered a suitable course to top up their programme to retain their full-time status. There are a number of courses, including A levels that can be studied in one year, but these opportunities are limited. We will organise a meeting with students in this position to discuss the most suitable way forward.

Our aim is to have all students clear about their programme for year 13 by the end of this term so that they can enter the summer break with some clarity. Further maths students are in a slightly different position as their programme will not be confirmed until the publication of A level grades in August.

### *Predicted A level grades*

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Students will be beginning to plan for life after King Edward's and to do this effectively they will need to be looking at routes accessible to them. Expected grades form an important part of this and we base our predicted grades on the subject assessments, mentioned above, that will be available early in June. As these are based on a whole year's work, they form a reliable indicator and a good idea of what the predicted grades will be. In general, a predicted grade for UCAS will be the same as the end of year subject assessment grade or possibly one grade higher.

### *Work experience*

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A valuable part of a student's programme of study is the opportunity to spend some time in a workplace relevant to their possible future career. This was laid out as an expectation for all year 12 students but, in view of the current situation, we have relaxed this. Our careers team have been advertising a number of virtual work experience placements and there are likely to be more available soon.

We hope you and your families are safe and well. We look forward to greeting students on campus as soon as we are able to do so.