

## STUDENT UPDATE

13 March 2020

The well-being of our college community is of utmost importance to us and we are taking the necessary steps to ensure this as far as possible in the current climate. To this end, please note the following:

### **Progression Conference**

We have taken the decision to cancel the Progression Conference planned for Wednesday 18 March. This will now be a study day for all students.

### **Self-Isolation**

The government released guidance yesterday which gives advice about what you should do if you are experiencing symptoms similar to the COVID-19 virus. The full advice can be found [here](#). Any decision about self-isolation is the responsibility of the student and their parents – we cannot advise on the matter.

Should you make the decision to self-isolate, you must inform us by email to [attendance@kedst.ac.uk](mailto:attendance@kedst.ac.uk). All students who have notified us that they are taking this course of action will have their registers marked accordingly.

### **Exams**

We are assured that the awarding bodies have a number of contingency plans in place, but their advice is to keep preparing as normal. We are following this advice. We will update you immediately if there is any change to the situation.

In the meantime, you are encouraged to form “buddy groups” within your classes to support each other with work or pass things on in the event of absence. Unfortunately, if you are absent, teachers may not always be able to offer individual support and these groups will provide a valuable method of keeping up.