

Student update – 5 June 2020

Dear students,

I hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well. These have been very challenging times for all of us. We have missed not having you all on campus and although we are trying our best to support you and provide effective remote learning, we know it's not the same as being together in the classroom, in the library and around campus. I am sure you miss your teachers, the student support team and your friends. We miss you, too! Now, we are beginning to look to the future and to a time when we can be together very soon, albeit in different ways.

Before half term we wrote to you and your parents to explain that we hope to be back to college, in small steps, from mid-June. I'm very happy to let you know that those plans are progressing well and we will be welcoming students back on site for three weeks, in reduced numbers and in limited ways, from Monday 15 June. I provide below a broad outline of our plans. Next week I will send detailed guidance notes on how it will all work, in addition to your special timetable for the three-week period.

Here's the overview: **back to college from 15 June – 3 July 2020**

All students will be offered one face to face session per A level subject during the three-week period. We have written a special timetable for this and you will receive your timetable by email next Wednesday 10 June. We will only have 20% of the cohort on campus at any given time during this three-week period. This means that most group sizes will be limited to 8 students with their teacher. This is so that we can implement strict social distancing, in accordance with government guidance. We have been working very hard to ensure that our campus is safe for this phased return. Everything will be explained in detail in the guidance notes that you will receive with your timetable next week.

The face to face sessions on campus will not include any new material. These sessions are planned to consolidate the material that has already been covered since March. No new material will be delivered on campus – all of our A-level teaching will continue online. We hope that the sessions on campus will be helpful and motivating for you. Teachers are keen to answer any questions you have and to help you with any aspect of the work you have been studying during the lockdown period. Please note that you will only come on site for one lesson in any given day, according to your timetable. For safety reasons, you will only be permitted on campus for your lessons – so, please do not arrange to come to College to see friends. Social and study areas will not be open and you will not be able to congregate in groups anywhere on campus. Given the current situation with the virus, we must control numbers of people on site at any given time. This is necessary right now and it is designed for everyone's safety.

We will continue all A-level course delivery via remote learning for the remainder of this academic year. This means that it's really important that you continue to engage with your teachers online. We know that some students, for very good reasons, will be unable to attend the sessions on campus. If this applies to you, don't worry! Your teachers will still

answer questions and help you through remote learning. In addition to your online learning and the face to face sessions mentioned above, your teachers will be preparing 'live' online sessions according to your new timetable. Your teachers will contact you directly about when these will take place.

I hope this information gives you a broad idea of what is to come. Remember to check your emails next week for your timetable and the guidance notes. Next week I will also send a communication to your parents via ParentMail. Hopefully, in the not too distant future, we will begin to extend this current plan and bring more people on site for longer periods of time.

I look forward to seeing you during the week commencing 15 June. Until then, stay safe and stay well.

Kind regards,

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