19th March 2021

Principal’s Update- Friday 19th March 2021

Dear students, parents and guardians,

**Covid and testing**

There has been no change in case numbers for the college; we still just have one positive case.

As reported on Wednesday, the overall rate for the Liverpool City Region remains around 50/100k, still below the national average rate. St Helens, today has a rate of 78 per 100K (this time last week it was 83 per 100K). It is also great to see the Knowsley rate is now just 46 per 100K

In light of this, I am pleased to announce that Upper 6th students will now have all their lessons face to face in college for the rest of this term.

Lower 6th - we are going to carry out a similar review early next week and I am hoping that from Thursday next week (25th March) you will also be in face to face 100% for the rest of term. I will confirm this on Wednesday via the next update.

**Therefore, the plan for next week (Monday 22nd – Friday 26th March)**

- Upper 6th are now back in college full time
- Lower 6th will be on online lessons until Wednesday and then back in college from Thursday 25th March.
- Other programmes; Foundation Learning, Foundation Art and Year 0 will continue with the planned schedule for this term

**Home testing Kits**

A reminder you can pick these up from the following points in college till the end of term:

- Staff – from College reception
- Students from the station at the bottom of the stairs in the main Refectory/Dining Hall
- Testing in college – the main testing station has now been taken down. We are retaining a smaller test centre to support our Foundation Learning students.

**Parents Evenings – Reviews 1 and 3**

A reminder that booking is now open for the Lower 6th Parents consultation evening on Wednesday 24th March. This is being carried out via School Cloud. An email has already been sent out on Parentmail to Lower 6th parents and guardians; a reminder will be sent out again today. The email provides instructions on how to access and set up your bookings (they are 5-minute appointments and are available from 2pm till 7:30pm)

The Parent Consultation evening (Review 3) for Upper 6th will be on **Wednesday 21st April**
**Study spaces**

We will be reopening the refectory/dining room upper floor for study – access will again be limited to lesson periods.

**Food provision**

A reminder that the Spar across the road from the college has now closed for a major refurbishment and will re-open as a Co Op after the Easter break. The Canteen at Carmel will be expanding its provision and capacity during this period of closure.

**Census**

And a final reminder that this weekend is the Census weekend. You should have received this through the post from the Government. The data from the census is actually quite useful for schools and colleges in helping us plan for future provision, so I would certainly encourage all households to complete it - not forgetting it is a legal requirement.

I will send another update out on Wednesday and Friday of next week.

Hope you all have a great weekend

Kind regards

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Mike Hill
Principal