Dear all

I am glad to report that so far this week, updates and guidance have settled down to just a trickle, so we continue to plan for the 8th March as I outlined last week. I am taking the opportunity to go over our plan again in this update, with one or two additions.

Return to college for all students

From Monday 8th March

All students will start to return to college for face to face teaching for a part of each week. We will do this in two main cohorts:

- Upper 6th student will start face to face teaching on Monday 8th March
- Lower 6th student will start face to face teaching on Thursday 11th March
- Foundation Art students have been sent a bespoke timetable
- Foundation Learning students will continue with their normal timetable
- Year 0 students continue with the existing online timetable

We will continue to follow the columns and timings current College Timetable

Each cohort will follow a 3:2 pattern repeated till the end of term; this will mean students in college for 3 days one week and then 2 the following week.

After the first week this will mean a run of 5 days in college for each year group.

Students will therefore have face to face access to teachers each week to get help and get back into the weekly routine of attendance at college. When not in college, students will follow their normal timetable online as we have been doing since January.
Covid Testing

The college testing centre is on the upper floor of the Refectory.

It is recommended, that all students have 3 tests in college and are then offered home tests (twice weekly testing). You will need to have had a test in college to pick up a home kit.

Upper 6th students - please book your first test between 8th -10th March on Connect. You will then be offered follow up tests in your 10:10 sessions.

Lower 6th students will be tested in 10:10 slots. You will be offered the opportunity to go for your test in these sessions.

Lower 6th students - if any student does not wish to wait until the following week there will be an ‘open’ testing session on Friday 12th March 12:30 till 1:30pm. If any student wants to take up this option please let your PAT know. These tests are voluntary; you need to have completed the consent form on Connect – return to your class before result. We have now changed the layout so both consent and booking can be done on a mobile phone.

Final Important points

- No College Buses after 1:45pm on Wednesdays and Friday – any sessions after 1:30 on these days will be delivered online.
Face Coverings - recommending we all need to wear a face covering when you are unable to maintain social distance of 2 metres inside and out. We will be able to provide students with face coverings if they do not have their own. Again, this is guidance/recommended.

Please look out for another update on Friday. I will also share further information about the exams and grades this summer on Friday as well.

Regards

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Principal