

22nd April 2020

Dear Student

I hope that you and your family are well and that you are managing to work hard towards your goals despite the challenges of life under lockdown. Please do get in touch with your tutor, Head of Year or our Designated Safeguarding Lead Julie Ferman (j.ferman@wsfc.ac.uk) if there is anything that the College can support you with.

I have two very brief messages for you:

1. First year level 3 students returning to College will shortly receive an email from Graham Williams, Senior Leader for Student Progress. Please read this carefully as it contains important information in relation to your progression into the second year. Please remember that the end of year exams are scheduled for early June so you need to be working towards these and making sure you revise appropriately.
2. You will be aware that the College wants to support our local community in these difficult times. We have supported a range of initiatives such as providing NHS staff with gloves and aprons, donating to a local food bank, and supporting fund raising for NHS staff. More recently Alex Daw and Textile students have been using College materials to make scrub bags and headbands for use by NHS staff. As ever I am proud of the contribution made by our students whether it is the hard work and determination you bring to your studies, the impressive success you have in your extra-curricular activities or the part you play in your community through volunteering and paid work. I know that many of us are missing our friends and colleagues and are sad that our College year has been disrupted by the virus. We would like to give you an opportunity to do something a little different from your usual College work, sustain the College and wider community, and have your voice heard amidst the social isolation that we are currently experiencing by taking part in our 'Life in Lockdown' competition.

Details about the 'Life in Lockdown' competition, including the prizes we will be awarding to the best entries, can be found on our website (<https://www.wsfc.ac.uk/news/life-in-lockdown-competition/>).

Best wishes

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