

Urgent Please Read - Circuit Break Measures

Dear Students, Parents and Carers

I was informed this morning that a member of support staff has tested positive. This member of staff has not had close contact with students, however, they have had contact with a number of staff who have, subsequently been identified as being proximity contacts and are now required to self-isolate.

Despite receiving reassurances from the Health Protection Team, I have decided to follow the lead of a number of other colleges and schools and have a two week period where students are not in College as a circuit break measure. This will take immediate effect and will mean that College will be closed to all students this week (Monday to Thursday) and we will move to remote delivery ahead of the half-term break. The expectation is that College will reopen to students after half-term on Tuesday, 3rd November.

Students should not come into College this coming week. Teachers have been instructed to move to remote teaching and they will be in contact with their students to clarify what form this will take. Given that it is the weekend and I am communicating with staff by email rather than in person, I would appreciate your support and understanding if not all arrangements are in place for Monday morning. Please continue to check emails and/or communication via Teams for details.

Please note that scheduled external examinations will proceed as planned.

Where students are in receipt of free school meals, we will ensure that necessary arrangements are in place to continue to provide support.

Whilst it is disappointing that there will be a week of remote learning and I am keen to return to as full an education as possible, if we do have to move to limited face to face teaching, I am confident that we have had time at the start of term to build relationships and instil good study habits to be able to continue to fully support our students.

Yours sincerely

Ed Senior

Principal