

COVID Update - Tuesday, 3rd November

Dear Parents and Carers

Please see below the email shared with students today:

Dear Students

I will keep this email very brief as I have been guilty of sending a number of lengthy communications in recent days.

1, The new timetable and COVID-19 safety measures

A big thank you to all students for their co-operation with our new arrangements today. I was pleased with how everything went and felt that everyone was able to maintain physical distancing at all times. I appreciate the inconvenience that some of the one-way systems involve, as well as the challenge presented by the longer lessons and the reduced opportunities to see your friends and I hope that we can return to our normal timetable as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime if we can keep College as calm and ordered as it was today we will go a long way to stopping the spread of the virus.

2, Transport

We have been in touch with the transport providers who have advised that there are no changes currently planned that will affect services to College. The dedicated bus services to and from College will continue as normal during lockdown given that the College will remain open to all students. The County Council does not currently plan to make any changes to their existing services as a result of the national lockdown. If students do not have a lesson at the end of the day and decide to take alternative public transport home e.g. catching a connecting bus from the city centre, please remember that service capacity remains limited and there is a risk of being denied access if the bus is full. Wherever possible you should walk, cycle, drive or be collected by a member of

your household. Students must not travel with other students who are not members of their household.

3, Please stay safe outside of College

The government guidance suggests that for most people in the 16-18 age group, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. However, in addition to staying well there are 2 additional reasons to following government guidance and in particular by maintaining a physical distance of 2 metres at all times - including while you wait for public transport. First, testing positive, or being in proximity to someone who tests positive, will disrupt your education and require you to isolate. Second (and most important) we all have a responsibility to our family members, friends and other members of the College and wider community. The implications of COVID-19 for older age groups and those with underlying health conditions can be very serious and so it is important that we all do everything we can to stop the spread of the virus.

Thank you once again for your support and co-operation.

Regards

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