

COVID Update - 29th January 2021

Dear Student, Parent or Carer

I hope that you and your families are well.

In light of the Prime Minister's announcement that schools and colleges will not reopen to all students until 8th March at the earliest, we need to continue to ensure that all students are fully engaging with remote learning. If you are experiencing any difficulties or require any support, please do contact your tutor or Head of Year. Whilst the nature of the assessments for our students in their final year of study remains unclear, if they continue to engage with all live sessions and complete the tasks set by their teachers, I am confident that they will be well placed to be successful.

In better news, local infection rates continue to decline with the latest figures indicating a 22% reduction across the county compared to the previous 7 days. The rate per 100,000 of the population is currently 411 in Worcestershire as a whole. Although a downward trend, we all obviously want to see a dramatically lower figure. It is, however, extremely positive to read that Worcestershire is in the top 3 nationally for vaccinations and is well on course to hit the 15th February deadline for the top 4 priority groups.

Laptop Appeal

I was contacted this week by the parents of one of our students who is involved with a fantastic initiative led by the Worcester Lions and supported by YouthComm Radio. They are collecting laptops and tablets to distribute to schools and colleges to assist families in need of support with remote learning and Worcester Sixth Form College was the first recipient of these donations. Eight laptops were donated to the College and will be refurbished by our IT team before being issued to the students who would benefit most from these to support their remote learning. To enable donations to be delivered to as many local schools and colleges as possible, if you are able to support this worthwhile

cause by donating an old tablet or laptop, please contact the Worcester Lions by visiting their website: [Home | Worcester Lions Club](#).



Fuel Vouchers

The winter months continuing to be challenging for many families particularly as a result of COVID. If you know anyone who is struggling to pay their fuel bills due to the impact of the pandemic, you can find details about how to access fuel vouchers below.

[Fuel Vouchers](#)

Kind regards

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