

September Delivery: Issue 1

This update outlines how the College will manage reopening for all students from September 2020

The end of the Spring term and the Summer was challenging for all in terms of the speed at which changes had to be made to implement the Governments lockdown to manage the pandemic.

The Colleges intention is to provide a full curriculum from September 2020 whilst maintaining the safety of our students and staff.

Whilst the R value has reduced, the virus is still circulating in the community and therefore the College is considering how we achieve this safely taking into account the layout of the building, the size of the classrooms and social spaces and the availability and capacity of public transport.

Please read the following information carefully.

Induction

All students must attend induction. This will take place the week commencing Monday 7th September and students will be told, via email by 5th September 2020, which session they should attend.

Monday 7 th & Tuesday 8 th September	Year 2 induction (split into 2 groups)
Wednesday 9 th and Thursday 10 th September	Year 1 induction (split into 2 groups)
Friday 11 th September	Year 2 – UCAS and Personal Statement Day
	Year 1 – Study Skills Day – this will be delivered online by an external company and students will complete the activities at home

Teaching

Lessons begin on Monday 14th September. The College has reviewed the advice and considered the safety of students and staff carefully. We have made the decision to reopen initially with a blended learning approach whilst we review how we manage to deliver all the safety requirements with significant numbers of students on site.

We will therefore operate the follow pattern of onsite/online delivery until half term.

Week commencing	Single year classes	First year classes	Second year classes
14 th September 2020	On site lessons	On site lessons	Remote lessons
21 st September 2020	On site lessons	Remote lessons	On site lessons
28 th September 2020	On site lessons	On site lessons	Remote lessons
05 th October 2020	On site lessons	Remote lessons	On site lessons
12 th October 2020	On site lessons	On site lessons	Remote lessons
19 th October 2020	On site lessons	Remote lessons	On site lessons

When students are at home, as during lockdown, lessons will be delivered live, by Microsoft teams at the same time they would be delivered if they were in College. We will ensure students can access Microsoft Teams during the induction days so they can all fully participate in all lesson activities.

Onsite lessons

When on site, students will need to follow strict social distancing and safety requirements. These include:

- Following a one-way system
- Wearing a face covering when in corridors and communal areas such as the refectory and LRC
- Using antiseptic wipes in classrooms as required by staff
- Only attending College on days when students have face to face lessons
- Arriving just in time for lessons and leaving as soon as possible after lessons
- Adhering to the socially distanced private study requirements in College if unable to leave the site when not in lessons (see below)
- Following guidance for alerting the College to absences as a result of a positive Covid-19 test or displaying symptoms.

Temperatures will be taken on arrival and any students whose temperatures are above 37.5°C will be asked to wait a short period and have their temperature taken again. Should this remain above 37.5°C, students will be asked to go home. Students are required to wear face coverings when moving around the College as we cannot operate a one-way system in all areas and some areas, such as reception and corridors, can get busy at certain times of the day. Students who are unable to wear a mask for medical or other reason, can go to Student Services to discuss reasons for exemption. If agreed, exempt students will receive an exemption lanyard.

Students will need to bring snacks to take their morning break in the classroom or pre-order a snack to collect on their way to the first period. Lunches will be staggered to help ensure social distancing in the Refectory.

Common spaces

One of the issues for the College is the limited social and learning space which students can use outside of lessons. The College has two main areas for this – the refectory and the LRC.

The Refectory

Lunch times will be staggered to facilitate smaller groupings between 11.20pm and 2.00pm to accommodate appropriate social distancing. The refectory will only be available to students who are scheduled for lunch during that session.

The LRC

The LRC provides a space for students to study outside of lessons. Where students are able to, they should leave the premises when not in lessons, however, we know some will not be able to do this due to where they live or transport issues. The LRC is available for them to undertake their studies in an appropriately socially distanced manner during this time. Other spaces will be made available should numbers require it.

Both spaces will be available for students to wait for transport home if needed at the end of the day.

Please be aware that this guidance is likely to be updated as we receive any new Government guidance. Full guidance will be given to students during induction.

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