

19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parent / Carer, Learner and Staff,

**First week back after Covid-19 Shutdown**

I thought I would drop you a quick note to update you on how the first week back has gone in College. We are delighted to report that 50% of our year 10s and just under 40% of our year 12s are now enjoying 1 day per week back at college. These numbers are exceptional and well above the national average.

We are so pleased to be able to re-open and have on-site learning restart. As you have heard in the news from researchers, the college learning environment benefits learners in many ways. We have received positive comments from both learners and staff who have enjoyed their first day back at college. In order to capture a full picture and hear how we can improve the on-site learning experience we will be sending out a survey to all learners and staff who have attended site this week. We will be able to share the results with you all which will allow us the chance to improve our plan and provide further confidence to all learners who have not opted to return to on-site learning. The survey will be sent out later today.

I would like to thank those of you who responded to our reopening survey by the 5<sup>th</sup> June deadline. You have been instrumental in supporting our reopening plan and we hope that if you chose to send your child in this week, that they have appreciated the efforts that have been taken to maintain their safety on site. Our staff have certainly been positive about the experience so far.

Unfortunately, we have had a number of subsequent requests for learners to return to college that, at this current time, we are unable to accommodate due to the constraints that we are placed under by the government (numbers on site / numbers in classrooms). We understand that this may well be disappointing for those of you that, on having read our reopening plan, feel confident in sending your child back to us. However, we hope that by the addition of 'live' lessons, your child will be able to further access their learning in these final few weeks of the summer term.

We will review our plan regularly in line with any government guidance that we receive, and we thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.

Yours sincerely,



**Geoffrey Fowler**  
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