

31 December 2020

Dear Learners, Parents / Carers

Revised January Staggered Start Dates

You will have heard that yesterday the Department for Education directed schools / colleges to delay the start of the Spring Term. As you know, we had already planned for a staggered start with mass testing, but we have had to make some adjustments.

Therefore, there will be online learning for **all** from **Tuesday 5th January**. Vulnerable learners and children of key workers will be able to attend college between the hours of 9am and 4pm, via the main front entrance. Heads of Year will be making contact on Monday 4th January to finalise arrangements and ensure that we are aware of who will be attending.

Year 11, Year 12 Level 2 and Year 13 will return to college on **Monday 11th January**. External exams will continue as planned this week. Learners in these year groups should carry out the COVID test that they took home with them prior to the break, on Thursday 7th January, and return to the test sites (as already communicated) or post via the Priority Letterboxes before 4pm.

Remaining learners are due back to College on **Monday 18th January**.

Learners who have Free School Meals will be issued with vouchers as per during the festive break.

We will give further information regarding the mass testing of learners next week.

It just remains for us to wish you all a Happy New Year and the very best for 2021.

Keep safe.

Yours sincerely,



Geoffrey Fowler
Principal & CEO