

04 September 2020

Dear Learner, Parent and Carers

Today we welcomed our new cohort of Year 9s into the college and despite naturally having some anxieties regarding their first day in a new setting, they appear to have settled in really well. Our staff have been tirelessly ensuring the site is COVID-19 ready and we are looking forward to welcoming our remaining learners on Monday and Tuesday next week.

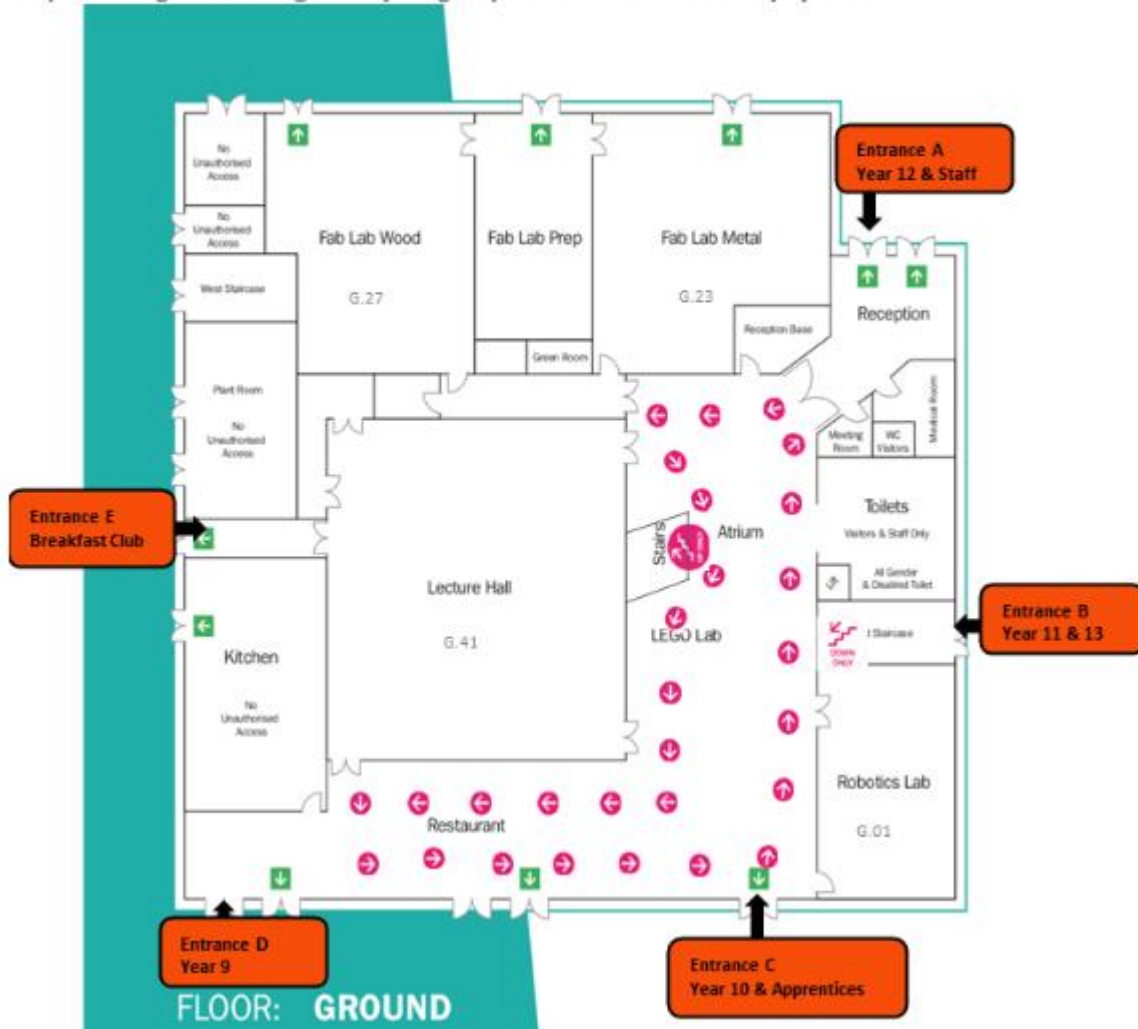
We have taken the opportunity to consult further with our staff with regards to the wider opening of the college and would like to inform you of a few amendments to our original opening plans which we hope will support our learners.

Timings of the college day

Year 10						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
08:00-08:50	Breakfast club - arrive 8am using entrance E					
08:50 - 09:00	Registration and Pastoral time - arrive 08:45 via entrance C					
09:00-9:50	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	
09:50 - 10:40	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	
10:40-11:30	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	
11:30 - 11:50	Break - ground floor					
11:50-12:40	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	
12:40-13:30	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	End of day for learners. Staff training	
13:30-13:50	Lunch - Hall					
13:50-14:50	Lesson 6	Fitness	Lesson 6	Lesson 6		
14:50	Leave 14:50 via entrance C	13:50 - 15:00	Leave 14:50 via entrance C			
14:50-17:00	Societies (Optional)	Staff training	Societies (Optional)	Societies (Optional)		

Please note that the timings of the college day have been amended slightly for most learners. Year 10s are required to be in college on Monday 07 September at 10.30am. They will need to go to the Lecture Hall in the first instance where they will receive their timetables and be given notices etc.

Map of College with designated year group entrances and one-way system



Fitness – Tuesday afternoons

The SportsDock at UEL has only recently reopened and we have been informed that they can only facilitate a certain number of learners at a time. Therefore Year 9s and 10s will have Fitness on a rota basis with Year 9 using the SportsDock first on Tuesday 15th September. Year 10s will therefore be leaving the college at 1.50pm on this day. Please note that there is **no fitness on Tuesday 8th September** so learners will finish at 1.50pm. A reminder that learners must wear their sportswear on the Tuesdays they have Fitness as there are no changing facilities here at LDE UTC nor at the SportsDock. We will of course remind learners nearer the time.

Chaplaincy / Prayers

Unfortunately, our Chaplaincy is currently closed until the end of September and we will be unable to facilitate prayers at this time. Similarly, we will be unable to run Friday prayers until further notice. Learners who used the Chaplaincy for counselling sessions will need to speak with their Head of Year who will liaise with Gloria to organise something on a temporary basis.

Face coverings

Following consultation with our staff and concerns raised by some parents / carers, the wearing of face coverings will be optional for all learners and staff. This is also further to government guidance which only makes face coverings mandatory in schools/colleges in lockdown areas. Should this change we will of course inform all our parents/carers and learners accordingly. A reminder however that face coverings are mandatory on all public transport and learners are encouraged to follow the rules.

We are all looking forward to working with our young people again and wish you all a good weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Geoffrey Fowler'.

Geoffrey Fowler
Principal & CEO, LDE UTC