

4th 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.

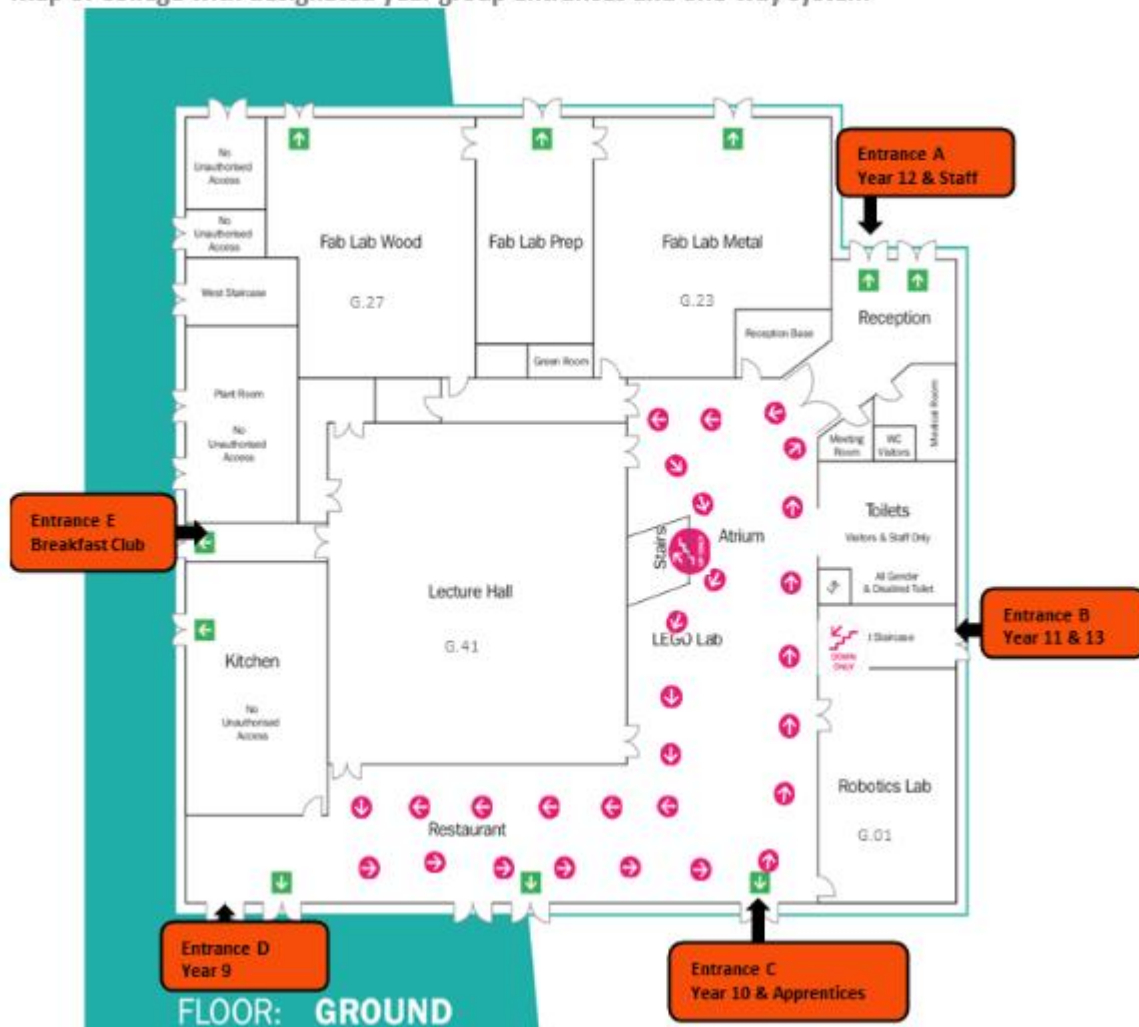
We have taken the opportunity to consult further with our staff with regards to the wider opening of the college and would like to inform you of a few amendments to our original opening plans which we hope will support our learners.

Timings of the college day

Year 11					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08:00-08:50	Breakfast club - arrive 8am using entrance E				
08:30 - 09:00	Registration, Sector briefing and pastoral time - 08:25 via entrance B				
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
10:40-11:00	Break - ground floor				
11:00-11:50	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3
11:50-12:40	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4
12:40-13:00	Lunch - Hall				
13:00-13:50	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	End of day for learners. Staff training
13:50-14:40	Lesson 6	Lesson 6	Lesson 6	Lesson 6	
14:40-14:50	Leave 14:40 via entrance B	Fitness 14:40 - 16:00	Leave 14:40 via entrance B		
15:10-17:00	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 11s are expected to arrive at LDE UTC on Monday 7th September at 8.30am and make their way to the Lecture Hall where they will receive their timetables and be welcomed back by their tutors and Head of Year.

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



Fitness – Tuesday afternoons

The SportsDock at UEL has only recently reopened and they have advised that there are no changing facilities available. Therefore learners must wear their sportswear on Tuesdays. Please note that there is **no** Fitness on **Tuesday 8th September** and therefore Year 11 learners will be leaving the college site at 2.40pm.

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.

Yours faithfully

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

Geoffrey Fowler
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