



19th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Sixth Form Closure – 23rd March 2020

Further to my letter dated 18th March 2020, I am writing to provide you with further information about our arrangements once the Sixth Form closes on 23rd March 2020 and the measures we will take to support your child's learning. This is an extremely uncertain period with new information and guidance coming from the government and the Department for Education on a daily basis. We will need to react to any change in guidance and therefore it is imperative that students and parents routinely review our website and their email for updates from us.

Y13 Students – A level Examinations

The most recent advice from Ofqual and the government is that A levels examination will not go ahead this summer although we do not have any further information on how students will be awarded grades. I am confident that additional guidance will be provided to students, families and schools/colleges in the next couple of days which should give greater clarity on the situation. As it stands, the NCS will continue to deliver the A level curriculum and prepare students as normal to ensure that no matter what is decided about A level grade allocation, students have the fundamental grounding in their subjects for their first year at University. What students must not do is speculate on the government's position on A level grades which then may put them at a disadvantage. We will continue to carefully monitor the situation and amend our advice to students and their families as more information is shared.

Delivering A Level Lessons – Monday 23rd March onwards

All Y12/Y13 lessons from Monday 23rd March 2020 until further notice will be delivered via Microsoft Teams. This is a video conferencing application which allows teachers to share course material and teach students remotely. All lesson will continue as normal and this includes for now Y13 intervention sessions. The only change to the Sixth Form timetable is that form time will be cancelled which means P5 will commence at 1:40pm every day. There will be no Oxbridge or Ignite sessions until further notice. The Sixth Form timetable is as follows

Period 1 – 8:30am-9:30am

Period 2 – 9:30am-10:30am

Break – 10:30am-10:50am

Period 3 – 10:50am-11:50am

Period 4 – 11:50am-12:50pm

Lunch – 12:50pm-1:40pm

Period 5 – 1:40pm-2:40pm

Students must attend all lessons and where they are unable to do so due to illness a parent/carer must email Ms Macdonald, our attendance officer (jmacdonald@ncs6.org) by no later than 8am. We will continue to record and monitor attendance to all lessons and we will use this data for Y12 Progression and UCAS and/or future employer references. Please refer to my letter dated 13th March 2020 for further information about student expectations when learning from home.

Free School Meal (FSM) & Post 16 Bursary

Students who are eligible for FSM (allowance of £3.50 per day) will have £35 deposited into their bank accounts every two weeks with the first payment being made on 3rd April 2020. Students who need to provide their bank account details to Ms Spiller, must do so asap. For Bursary payments the full termly amount will be paid into the student's bank account on Tuesday 21st April 2020 and Tuesday 2nd June 2020.

My team and I remain committed to our students' education and we are doing everything we can to ensure your child is not put at a disadvantage given the rapidly changing educational landscape. At this time, I want to praise the dedication and determination of the NCS staff who over the last couple of weeks have been put under significant pressure and who continue to be resolute in their desire to see our students succeed. Like me I know you would like to extend your gratitude to them in these challenging and unprecedented times.

Should you wish to discuss the contents of this letter further or have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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