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Dear Parent / Carer

RE: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) – Updated Information and Advice for Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are well, and you managed to enjoy the good weather over half-term. Having received the DfE guidance for secondary schools, regarding the phased return of some students to education settings, we have managed to finalise our plans for the delivery of face-to-face provision for Year 10 & 12 students, from 15th June. Having also received responses from the staff, parent and student remote-learning surveys, we are reviewing our remote-learning provision for all years and will share this information with you next week.

Year 10 Students

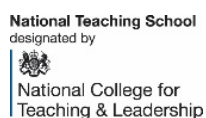
The DfE guidance states that secondary schools should ensure that only a quarter of students in Years 10 & 12 are in school at any one time, which for us means that we can only have a maximum of 51 Year 10 students in College per day. The guidance also states that mixing between different groups of students should be kept to a minimum, and that schools should minimise mixing for arrival, lunchtime, breaks and departure.

Our plan, therefore, is to divide Year 10 into four different 'teams', with one team coming into College on Mondays, one on Tuesdays, one on Wednesdays, and one on Thursdays. Each of these four teams will be sub-divided into four 'bubbles', with each bubble being kept apart from all the other students, with staggered start and end times. Each of these bubbles will have their own College entrance / exit point, classroom, toilet facilities and lunch area. Each bubble will receive four 60 minute lessons in the core subjects of RE, English, Maths & Science, with a 30 minute lunchbreak. This is what we are planning for the two weeks from 15th June to 26th June only, at this point, and we will review the situation before the end of the month, as government guidance may change. **Each Year 10 student would be in College for a maximum of two days, over the two week period.**

We are currently in the process of dividing the Year group into teams and bubbles, and we will write to individual parents and carers next week, with more details. According to the survey completed by parents and carers of Year 10 & 12 students, 80% said that they would send their child back to College, and of those, the vast majority said that they would drop their child off in the morning and pick them up again later in the day. Before we finalise the groups, therefore, we would ask those parents who are planning to drive their child to school, if there are any days of the week that would NOT be suitable, and email that information to Mrs Marshall, at s.marshall@allhallows.org.uk, **by the end of the school day on Friday 5th June.**

Year 12 Students

Following the DfE guidance means that we can only have a maximum of 27 Year 12 students in College per day, and whilst mixing between different groups of students should be kept to a minimum, it does recognise that there may be a need for some movement between groups in secondary schools. As Year 12 study all of their courses in different option groups, it is not possible to place them in the same bubble, if they are to be taught their chosen



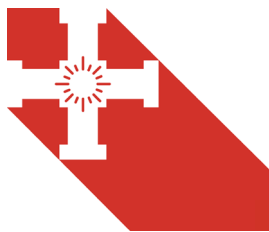
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subjects. Our plan with Year 12, therefore, is to have four different 'Option Weeks', starting on the 15th June: Option A from 15th - 19th June, Option B from 22nd - 26th June, Option C from 29th June - 3rd July, and Option D from 6th - 10th July. We will identify which subjects will be taught on which days and communicate this next week. Each subject will have two 90 minute lessons, with a 30 minute break between, to allow for some socially distanced mixing and refreshments. **Each Year 12 student would be in College for a maximum of three days, over the four week period.** We are looking to arrange some Higher Education preparation work in the last week of term.

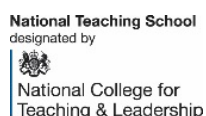
Risk Assessment

We have met with Governors and staff, to look at our risk assessment for bringing more students into College, and this week we have invited all staff into school, in small groups, to discuss our plans and to walk around the site, see what we have already done in order to minimise risk, and give feedback. Some of the measures that have been put in place include:

- Classrooms designated across the College to limit student contact outside of their bubbles and allow students to enter and leave the College while maintaining social distancing
- Identified classrooms have been remodelled to ensure students are seated 2 metres away from each other and the teacher
- Doors to be wedged open at all times, where safe to do so, to limit use of door handles and aid ventilation
- All classrooms have been deep-cleaned and surfaces cleared, to enable regular and effective cleaning throughout
- All classrooms supplied with hand gel, spray sanitiser and disposable cleaning tissue
- Hand sanitiser stations to be installed at the entrance to all buildings
- Additional one-way systems established
- Signage for movement around all buildings clearly displayed
- Electric hand-dryers replaced with paper dispensers, in toilet areas
- New cleaning protocols agreed with our cleaning company, to ensure classrooms are cleaned with a disinfectant fogging machine, after each use

Furthermore:

- Students should not bring anything from home that is unnecessary
- Students should have their own pen, pencil, ruler, calculator & water bottle – they should not share with each other, and will not be allowed to borrow equipment from College
- Students are encouraged to bring their own hand gel, and they can bring their own face covering if they want
- Students should wash their hands regularly, especially on arrival to College and at departure
- Students should follow the 'Catch it- Bin it- Kill it' protocol
- The uniform & dress code rules will be temporarily changed so that students are not wearing blazers, ties, kilts or suits, and clothes can be easily and regularly washed - Year 10 to wear PE kit, and Year 12 to wear smart casual
- There will be an addendum to the College Rewards & Behaviour policy, to reflect the changes above. This will be published next week



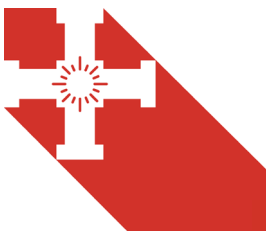
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Year 11 - Sixth Form Transition Work

Following on from students accessing careers guidance and information through Unifrog, we are pleased to announce that our transition work is now available via our website. The work can be found at: <https://www.allhallows.org.uk/sixth-form-transition>. The work should be completed before students start Sixth Form. There is a lot of wider reading, as well as documentaries to watch, podcasts to listen, and tasks and projects to complete. This should give students an excellent grounding for when they start next academic year. If you have any questions or issues with the work, please contact the relevant subject lead or Mr Howells, at d.howells@allhallows.org.uk.

Year 12 - UCAS & Apprenticeship Day

Next Friday, 12th June, Year 12 students will be taking part in a Higher Education day. This will involve them engaging in a variety of activities, including registering for UCAS. Some sessions will be live, alongside some pre-recorded webinars. This content will be provided by members of the Sixth Form team, universities and hopefully some of our former students (if any of our former students are interested in being involved, please ask them to contact Mr Howells).

As part of our preparation for higher education we usually host, at this time of year, a Student Finance & Higher Education evening for parents, run by Bangor University. We are planning on doing this virtually this year and will be in touch shortly with the date and further details.

As always, your feedback and continued support is much appreciated, and if you do want to contact me about any issue, please email me at principalpa@allhallows.org.uk. I will be back in touch again shortly, with further information.

God Bless

Tim Beesley
Principal



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