

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your families are all still well and managing to keep safe. As we now approach the end of what has been a rather strange end to the academic year, and in view of the recent announcements from the Government, I wanted to write in order to provide you all with an update.

However, I wanted to start by thanking you all as parents and carers for your fantastic support over the last 16 weeks. I am particularly appreciative for everything that you have been doing to support learning from home. With one young child of Primary age and one at University myself, I know how difficult it is to juggle working from home with supporting your own children with their schooling, and this is of course in addition to dealing with all of the normal challenges of family life. The College has also received a number of messages of thanks and support from so many of you over these past few weeks, and these are all received very gratefully indeed. Thank you.

I would like to thank once again all of the teaching staff who have continued to work exceptionally hard to ensure that the students are able to continue with their studies. I hope that your son/daughter has continued to find accessing the work via Microsoft Teams to be straight-forward and helpful and if you needed support you found our team helpful. As said previously, although nothing can replace the impact of students being in College to receive the direct instruction and immediate feedback from their teachers, the use of Microsoft Teams has enabled us to provide the students with the next best thing. Home learning will cease to be set over the Summer so please get some well-earned rest from it.

I would also like to thank once again all of the professional standards team, for helping to provide so much support to the students during these very challenging times. However, they have not just been providing much needed pastoral and wellbeing support but have helped many students to organise their time sensibly at home and to establish good working routines.

I hope that you have all enjoyed reading our social media posts (Facebook, twitter and Instagram) and keeping in touch with what we have been offering and doing with students during lockdown. They are proving to be an excellent way for the students to stay in touch with their college communities. Moreover, they have become a brilliant means for the students to share all of the different activities that they have been undertaking in recent weeks. As I said in one of my recent messages to the students, I have been really impressed by everyone's productiveness and ingenuity and would encourage them all to continue to use their time at home as productively as possible. Please look out on email for our Half Term Round-up newsletter.

I would also like to congratulate once again all of the students in year 10 and year 12 who have been recognised and nominated to receive one the college's special 'Over and Above' awards for their hard work and achievements whilst at home. All of the staff are very keen to recognise what they have been doing and to share and celebrate their successes. We will celebrate Year 9s on our return in September.

We have been really pleased to hear from a number of our Sixth Form students recently who, in addition to working very hard with their studies, have been sharing with us some of the excellent

ways in which they have been supporting others in their local communities. One of the activities included working with the University of Hull to organise and distribute face visors in our local community. I never cease to be amazed at the ways in which our students act with such thoughtfulness and maturity, and particularly so when it comes to supporting others. I continue to be extremely proud of them.

I am aware that many of the college's staff have also been very busy helping to support others within the local community, and no more so than Annette who has dusted down her sewing machine to set to and produce NHS uniforms and face masks. Other staff here raided our cupboards, donated our PPE we had spare and produced visors on our very own 3D printers for our local communities. The growing list of recipients now includes care homes and GP surgeries, pharmacies as well as hospitals. What a wonderful way to make a difference during the current crisis.

Term 6 we have been delighted to welcome back year 10, year 12, new year 12 students and have been able to officially meet our new year 9 students before they arrive in September. We cannot wait to have everyone back in the building and get back to those workshops and working with our industry partners, doing what we love to do the best!

We will also be saying our farewells to Year 13 students when they pick up their results on August 13th and some of our year 11s on August 20th.

Congratulations to year 13 for securing some outstanding destinations once again. We are very proud of you all. We wish them well in their new and exciting adventures, which takes them to high profile apprenticeships with some major national companies, as well as university. We have students studying Aerospace Engineering, BEng in Mechanical Engineering, BSc Physics, BEng Mechatronics and Robotics, BSc Criminology - to name just a few! Please stay in touch and keep us posted!

The DFE guidance is that all students will return to college fulltime in September. We have received some direction about how this should be carried out safely, but further information will be released over the Summer. Once we have this fully planned, we will share the details with you. The start of term for students will not change:

Wednesday, September 2nd 2020: Year 9 only 10.30am- 15.40

Thursday, September 3rd 2020: Year 9 start at 9am, Year 10 start at 10am, Year 11 at 11am, Year 12 at 13.00 (finish normal time 15.40)

Friday, September 4th 2020: All students back full time but with slight adjustments to start and finish times to avoid congestion and keep bubbles of students together (more details to be released shortly).

Please do remember to contact us if you need any support. In the meantime, I send my very best wishes to you and your families for a safe, happy and restful summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Anesta and the ENLUTC Team

