

17 November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Study Week 23rd – 27th November 2020

I would first like to thank you all for your support and for reinforcing the College's Covid Control measures. The behaviour and attitude of our students has been excellent, and it is through their adherence to the rules that we have been able to stay fully open since August.

While I remain confident that we have the controls in place such that we should not need to change our current way of teaching, it is prudent to practise communicating with your son or daughter on Teams and other learning platforms so that we can be fully confident that we are ready to provide high quality provision in the event that the College ever had to change its approach.

The College was already calendared to close to students from the 25th – 27th November for various activities and we have therefore decided to convert this week to a "Student Study Week". This will also provide a 9-day break from College (21st – 30th November) through moving just two days of planned lessons to remote provision. Your son or daughter will therefore not be expected to come into College during this week.

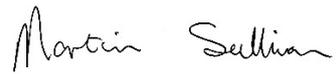
On Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th teachers will introduce a week's worth of important work for students which they should complete by their return on Monday 30th November. In preparation, teachers are talking to students about the high levels of commitment and engagement they will be expecting and liaising with them on how the work will be set, how to access it and how they will be in contact. If for any reason, you do not have adequate facilities at home to support this remote learning, then the LRC will be open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday so that students can complete work.

While, the behaviour of the students in college has been excellent, I would still be grateful if you could remind your son or daughter about the need to follow our rules, namely using our one way systems, using the hand sanitiser provided, wearing their face masks in communal areas, corridors, on public transport and when visiting shops and also discussing the importance of social distancing. These measures have meant that the incidence of Covid cases in the College has been relatively low and this, alongside your support when they have contracted the disease or when they have been told to self isolate has been effective at controlling the spread of Covid thus far. This ultimately has meant that we have been able to remain open.



You may have heard in the news that the GCSE and 'A' level exams have been delayed by three weeks and the exam period now ends on the 2nd July. Please make sure that you do not book any holidays until after this date.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin Sullivan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and 'S'.

Martin Sullivan
Principal