



Covid-19 update: February 26th 2021.

Teaching, Learning and Assessment guidance for students, parents and guardians

What's going to happen from the 8th March?

In accordance with government advice, from the 8th March we will re-open our centres for students to access face to face learning.

Student timetables will be issued by course managers in the week commencing the 1st March.

Initially, this will be for a minimum of 2 days per week on site, with one day per week of remote learning (for full-time FE students).

We are doing everything we can to enable students to re-engage with their full study programmes and so have planned face to face English, Maths and Employability lessons wherever possible, supplemented by online learning.

Until all returning students have had the opportunity to be tested, we ask for careful consideration of movement around campuses and encourage students not to mix unnecessarily, or travel to parts of the campus they do not have to be in.

It is a requirement that all students wear face coverings in classroom sessions, unless they are exempt and have a corresponding exemption card as proof. However, for certain practical sessions that are particularly strenuous, or for lessons taking place outside, face coverings will not be required.

All timetables and restrictions will be reviewed at Easter and if amendments are required, students will be informed with reasonable notice given.

What students can continue to expect from remote learning sessions.

Remote learning will continue to be facilitated through MS Teams. Students will have access to learning materials on Moodle+ and may use interactive tools such as Nearpod, during 'live' lessons.

Students will receive frequent breaks in longer sessions and opportunity to stand up and move away from the screen for short periods where appropriate.

Teachers will plan and provide the opportunity to ask questions and interact with fellow students.

Some remote learning may be delivered asynchronously (i.e. students can complete in their own time). If this is the case, full instructions of how to access the lesson and what support is available will be provided in advance.

Teachers and course managers will provide the opportunity to give feedback on course management and lesson quality.

What is expected of students.

100% attendance of all lessons on a study programme, including onsite and remote learning. Where applicable this includes English, Maths and Employability lessons.

Timely completion of all formative and summative work as directed by teachers and course managers

A positive approach to engaging in lessons.

How will we be assessing students this academic year?

This will vary depending upon the type of qualification being studied. We are still awaiting full details from Awarding Bodies, but we know that qualifications and corresponding assessments will fall into three categories:

- Qualifications that will now use Teacher Assessed Grades in place of external assessments and exams, this will cover GCSE's and some content within BTECs/Technical Certificates
- Licence to practice qualifications and certificates of professional competence where assessments (internal and external) will still be required
- Other qualifications such as Functional Skills, where assessments can still take place

Internal assessments will continue where it is safe to do so and in line with the Awarding Body guidance.

Each course manager will cover any new assessment guidance with students once the full details are made available.

We anticipate further updates in March and April.

On behalf of the College, I would like to take the opportunity to welcome you back to campuses and look forward to seeing you in due course,

Kind regards,

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