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Dear College Community

It has been a while since our last letter and I very much hope that our entire community keeps safe and well as the Coronavirus Pandemic still continues to be prevalent across the globe. One again, our thoughts must go to those facing illness, loss and uncertainty in these unprecedented times.

As you are aware the situation everywhere is still changing and countries all over the world face significant challenges, both now and in the future. Here in the UK our Government implemented a planned lockdown which did result in the drop in Coronavirus cases we all hoped for. Now our Government has started to introduce some new easing measures as we take small and gradual steps towards a more normal way of life but with firm vigilance on the situation to ensure there is no significant increase in the cases of COVID 19 infection in the future.

As you may remember the College closed one week early on 27 March, after a week of very successful online tuition. We had planned to restart the online tuition on Monday 20 April. However, our Governing Body the Trust Council, due to the continued lockdown and financial pressures caused by the pandemic situation decided to place the College onto the UK furlough scheme until Sunday 31ST of May. The College planned to reopen on Monday the 1st of June.

Moving forward our schedule is therefore as follows:

From Monday 1 June 2020 to Friday 31 July 2020

- The College will **reopen** in a limited capacity
- Online tuition **will recommence** for **all** students
- Students **will need** to attend online
- The tuition will be in the **usual timetable** in British Summer Time
- Attendance **will be** monitored, students should attend as normal (except for Test Periods / PE / PSHE/ Personal Tutee time)
- Year 12 students **will need** to attend online UCAS presentations – further details will follow
- There will be **no** on-site tuition
- All tutors will be available **online only**
- **Please email Dr Drew if you have any timetable change requests**
- **It is likely that Year 11 and Year 13 will complete online tuition once their course is completed. This will be confirmed by your tutor**

Years 10 and 12

- Students will receive their Qualifying Grades by the **end of June**

Years 11 and 13

- Tutors will be undertaking and completing their **examination grading**
- Grades will be released by the examination boards at the usual times **in August**

International Students

- Currently, it looks unlikely that secondary/High Schools will not open until September
- Both Boarding and Host Family provision **remain closed**
- International students **should not** travel either to the UK or back to their CTC accommodation if they are in the UK
- Tuition is online for **all students**

CTC Site

- This remains **closed** with limited staff maintaining social distancing measures
- Please **do not come** into College for any reason until further notice

Like most schools we are now starting to plan the way ahead and subject to the Coronavirus situation across the globe, travel restrictions and our own situation in the UK and Government guidance, we are planning to reopen from September 2020. CTC Accommodation will also be available.

As the courses commence we appreciate there may be a need to provide additional online tuition to support those whose arrival in the UK is delayed due to the effects of Coronavirus restrictions and regulations.

You may recall that when the Coronavirus situation started to emerge the College established a Crisis Management Team who swiftly introduced many measures regarding keeping safe including the essential need for rigorous personal hygiene, the use of hand sanitising stations at all points of entry, recognising the signs and symptoms of COVID 19, additional training and guidance for the First Aiders, non-contact thermometers to check temperatures, assisting Boarders in self isolation, restricting visitors to both the College and Boarding House, as well as the absolute highest standards of cleanliness in College and in the Boarding House.

We shall of course be continuing with the majority of these steps and implementing a range of new measures and guidance during the summer as the situation becomes clearer. We will be sending out further details on this in the weeks and months to come. There have been questions concerning the use of masks, individuals will of course be permitted to wear masks as they were allowed before, at the moment this is not a requirement in UK schools but is recommended on public transport. We will follow Government advice on this and keep this continually under review. We will also review all social distancing measures and implement accordingly. Our latest bulletin is always on our website and we clearly welcome views of parents and students and all others in our community.

We will be planning to welcome back our International Students into our care as smoothly as possible and will be following the Government guidance at that time. We are considering a range of options with possible on site arrival quarantine if needed, possible COVID 19 testing, as well as online tuition until visas are granted or travel restrictions are relaxed. CAS will be issued from July onwards to enable them to be used for a longer time frame, with so many Visa Application Centres closed there will undoubtedly be delays. We will help each individual student with their individual circumstances to the best of our ability.

We wish to reassure students, parents, guardians, agents and all our colleagues that the care and safety of our College community will be absolutely paramount to our future plans. There is much to do to over the forthcoming weeks and months and we are, as always, most grateful for your support, cooperation and understanding during this difficult time.

Yours faithfully



Dr Chris Drew
Principal