

25.02.21

Dear College Community,

We hope this finds you safe and well. This last year will be remembered for so many reasons and as always we send our support and thoughts to the thousands worldwide who have been impacted by the global pandemic. We very much hope 2021 will be the year of continued recovery and we all look forward to enjoying the simple things in life once again such as spending time with our families and friends.

Here in the UK, following the Prime Minister's speech on Monday 22 February, we now have a timeline to work towards for the UK to return to normal life.

The Government and Scientists were always of the opinion that a vaccination programme would be the best way out of lockdown and so far today, more than 17.9 million people have had a first vaccine dose - equivalent to one in three adults in the UK and more than 642,000 have had a second. This has been the largest inoculation programme the country has ever launched, and it is ahead of schedule.

With this programme in place the UK Government will now open all schools on Monday 8 March. In addition, it has also been confirmed today there will be no formal external examinations for any candidate in the June 2021 examination session, all grades awarded for this summer will be centre assessed grades.

For CTC, the remainder of the academic year will be as follows, a revised calendar is also included :

#### **College reopens Monday 8 March 2021**

- All lessons and tests will **resume** in College
- All lessons will be face to face tuition in the **classroom**
- Online tuition will **cease** on Friday 5 March
- Online tuition will only be accessible for a short period of time if there are **exceptional** compelling reasons
- All international and home students will be **expected** to be in College as normal
- International Students **will receive** further information about travel and COVID testing requirements
- CTC Accommodation **is acceptable** as self-isolation accommodation

#### **Keeping CTC Safe**

- Even though participating in the national COVID testing for Schools is voluntary **we expect** everyone to cooperate
- Masks will need to be worn in **all communal** areas of CTC and all classrooms unless it impacts into the teaching i.e. sports
- Anyone may wear a **mask anywhere** on site if they wish to do so
- Please use hand **sanitising stations** when entering the building and keep sanitising hands as you move around the building during the day
- **Staff** will continue to sanitise desks between lessons and tests
- All the previous guidance **still applies**, keep 2 m apart as much as possible
- Dispose of masks and tissues **responsibly** and fresh masks are available in College if needed
- Remember face, space, hands **at all times**

### **COVID 19 Testing**

- All students and staff **will be expected** to participate in the national COVID Schools Testing programme
- CTC is a **registered NHS Test Site** for COVID 19
- **Students**
  - will be expected to take 3 tests at College, further information will follow
  - One before attending lessons
  - Two further tests 3 to 5 days apart
  - Students will then transition to at home testing twice weekly and further details and instructions will follow on this
- **Staff**
  - will be expected to undertake their own testing at home twice weekly as soon as the kits are received
  - Further instructions will follow for staff
  - There will be the option for staff to be tested onsite initially so they are fully competent
- **All test** results taken off site will need to be reported to CTC
- Further details **will follow** on home testing as different data protection and consent forms need to be completed

We will send out further information as guidance is received, hopefully changes will be kept to a minimum.

At this time we look forward to welcoming everyone safely back on site and to completing the year successfully and in a far more familiar and typical manner.

Everyone however, must be commended, for managing the numerous difficulties encountered during the last year and for the personal efforts made to rise above the situation and overcome all the challenges COVID 19 has indeed presented.

My best wishes to you all,

Dr C Drew  
Principal

### **Academic Year Calendar 20/21**

### **Revised Key Dates (as at 25.02.21)**

#### **Spring Term**

- |                                |                                            |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| • Friday 5 March               | End online tuition                         |
| • Monday 8 March               | Return to face to face teaching            |
| • Monday 15 March              | Academic reports due from tutors           |
| • Monday 15 March<br>completed | Internal tracking grades from tutors to be |
| • Monday 22 March              | Personal Tutor Report                      |
| • Friday 26 March              | Reports to parents                         |
| • Friday 26 March              | End of Term                                |

**Easter Holiday Monday 29 March to Friday 16 April 2021**

## Summer Term

### April

- Monday 19 April Term Starts
- Thursday 22 April Examinations Briefing, latest information, updates for June 2021 candidates 10.30 am B35
- Wednesday 28 April Tutors Committee Meeting 1.05 pm B 35

### May and June

- Whole College Photo Date to be confirmed
- Wednesday 5 May Lunchtime concert
- Friday 7 May International Evening
- Wednesday 12 May Curriculum Group meeting 1.05 pm B 35
- Friday 21 May Last day of test periods
- Monday 24 May - Friday 4 June Mock Examinations
- Thursday 27 May Health and Safety meeting 1.05 pm B35
- Tuesday 1 June - Thursday 10 June NCUK Final exams
- Monday 7 June - Friday 11 June Qualifying Examinations
- Monday 14 June Reports Due from Tutors
- Friday 18 June Personal Tutor Reports
- Friday 18 June Qualifying Exam Results Meeting 12.15 -3.15 pm B35
- Friday 25 June Reports to Parents
- Friday 25 June End of term