



14 May 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians of our Senior School and Sixth Form,

I hope that you and your families are well. May I thank you once again for your positive feedback and support with the position that we have taken in College to look after well-being as a priority in this crisis, as well as sustaining the routines and opportunity that school provides for your daughter/s.

Student wellbeing and coping with Lockdown

We have recently sent a short questionnaire to your daughter to ask them for some feedback about how they are coping with lockdown generally, and with the core work which has been set. Should you have any concerns about how your daughter is engaging with online learning, please do not hesitate to contact her tutor.

Linked to this, I would like to share that next week is Mental Health Awareness Week and, just like every year, we have a number of activities and events planned for the whole College community. Dr Mitchell will be giving more details of these events in Friday's online assembly.

To coincide with Mental Health Awareness Week (theme 'Kindness'), and at a time when we are all learning new ways of working and connecting, Jo Cottell of Guernsey Mind will be presenting an introduction to looking after our mental wellbeing during lockdown, including how to recognise symptoms of poor mental health in ourselves and others. She will also provide some practical tools and guidance for looking after family wellbeing, and where to get help in the Bailiwick.

The session will be delivered via Zoom next Thursday, 21 May 2020, 18:30-19:30, including time for questions. Joining details will be sent to all delegates in advance of the event. If you would like to book a place, please follow the link:

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I would like to welcome Dr Mitchell back from maternity leave next Wednesday and for the work she has done to prioritise this programme for Mental Health Awareness week which starts on Monday. I also extend sincere thanks to Miss Clements who has supported students, colleagues and the College as Acting Deputy Principal (Pastoral) since Christmas. Thank you both for all that you do.

Updates to the College calendar

As we look towards the time when we can return to College, I thought that it would be useful to write to you regarding calendar events for the rest of this term.

At this point, we do not know exactly when and how we will return to College and what restrictions regarding social distancing may be in place. However, we are currently working on the plan for dates shown below.

Please note that there is a UCAS Q&A session for Lower Sixth students and parents this evening, 14 May, at 20:00 with Miss Dudin, UCAS Coordinator. Parents and students have been sent details and should access this through the link in the Lower Sixth Careers Team.

The following events have been **cancelled**:

Date	Event
14-19 May	Remove, L4, U4, L5 College Exams
18 May	Art GCSE Standardisation
19 May, 12.15-13.30	Nurse drop in
21 May	Art A-level standardisation
21 May, 08.30-10.30	U4 Vaccinations: DTP + MenACWY
21 May, 08.30-12.30	L6: French End-of-Year Speaking Test
2 June	French students visiting - L4
2 June	Visiting French Students - Tea Party
3 June	Final House meetings (Melrose invited)
8-12 June	L6 Work Experience
11-22 June	Art Exhibition
11 June, 16.30	Sixth Form CCF Focus Day
11 June, 19.00-22.00	PTA Curry & Quiz Night
15 June, 11.00-12.00	NDDR Reception Science "Mini Beasts" Visit: Remove X
16 June, 12.15-13.30	Nurse drop in
16 June	French students visiting
16 June	Visiting French Students - Tea Party
18 June	German Exchange: Bruckmühl
18 June	Ladies Love Languages (rehearsal @1.30-16.00, show @19.00-21.00)
22 June	Summer Cup Matches
26 June	Alternative Curriculum Week
26 June	L6 University Visit with EC
27 June-3 July	CCF annual camp (L6)
29 June, 08.30-15.30	L5 & L6: Environmental Conference
5-19 July	U5 & U6 PMGY Visit to India
13-17 July	D of E Gold Qualifying – Peak District

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The following events have been **postponed**:

Date	Event
18 May, 18.30-20.30	PTA Meeting
27 May	House Athletics
22 May-23 May	DofE Bronze: Practice Expedition
27 May	Bubbles and Canapés
28 May	House Tennis
8-12 June	Remove, L4, U4, L5, U5 tutors & YCs meetings this week at 10:30-10:50
8-12 June	U4 & L5 House Rounders this week
13-14 June	D of E Bronze: Qualifying Expedition
15-19 June	Remove & L4 House Rounders this week
15 June	UCAS Day, L6 (KMA)
8-15 July	DofE Silver: Qualifying Expedition – New Forest

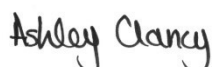
We aim for the following events **to take place with adaptations** depending on any social distancing restrictions:

Date	Event
17 June, 10.30-10.50	Remove, L4, U4, L5 tutors review reports with students
19 June, 08.30-14.30	International Women in Engineering Day: U4
19 June, 08.30-12.15	L5 Morrisby testing – to continue (optional) if in college. If NOT in college, on-line alternative.
24 June, 19.00-20.30	Information evening for parents of incoming Removes
30 June – 1 July	TEFL Course
25 June, 19.30-20.30	Leavers' Service (note earlier date than previous years) with socially distanced adaptations
2 July	Mark Reading –with adaptations/different format House Swimming Competition
3 July, 09.45-12.00	Speech Day – with adaptations/different format

I hope this offers some insight into our plans for the Trinity term. I will write again with further detail once we have received clarity from the States of Guernsey. We are working hard to have plans in place, which we can share with you in advance, to assure you of our priorities for personal safety when we return, whilst we continue with our approach to encourage personal health and to provide meaningful, relevant and sustainable work. Our plans will follow expectations from Public Health and the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture and seek to sustain and develop our provision for our College community.

Stay safe, stay well, stay in touch.

Yours sincerely



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Principal