

23 February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are undoubtedly aware, the Government announced on Monday that all schools and colleges will re-open in the week commencing 8 March 2021. Whilst we don't yet have all the finer detail, I wanted to write to you to outline the arrangements that we have been able to make so far.

- The College will re-**open fully to all students on Thursday 11 March 2021.**
- Students should complete independent work set by their teachers between Monday 8 and Wednesday 10 March 2021.
- The College will be open Monday 8 to Wednesday 10 March 2021 for lateral flow testing, which we are required to offer to students before they return to lessons. Details are as follows:
  - Students should only attend the site on these days if they have an appointment.
  - Testing for students consists of three tests over a two-week period (three to five days apart).
  - We will send a consent form to students via Microsoft Teams. Those wishing to be tested should confirm this on the form **by Wednesday 3 March 2021.** Your son/daughter will be advised to discuss this with you.
  - Students who have submitted the consent will be given an appointment for their first test. Appointments for the second and third test will be provided in due course.
  - Students should only stay on site for their test; they should arrive immediately before their given time and leave immediately after it has been completed.
  - Please note that anyone testing positive will need to follow Government guidance around isolating.

From Thursday 11 March 2021, the College will be re-open as normal to all students. We are asking for our students' support in continuing to follow the safety measures put in place and any guidance set out by College staff. Students are required to:

- Wear face coverings at all times, except when eating in designated areas (if not exempt)\*
- Sanitise their hands regularly
- Maintain their distance from others

\*Please note that the wearing of face coverings has now been extended to the classroom, unless it impacts on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity (e.g. PE).

Unfortunately, anyone arriving to College without a face covering or refusing to follow the guidance set out will be sent home. We would really appreciate your support in reinforcing the importance of the safety measures in order to protect our students and staff, and all of our families.

I understand that this is still a concerning time, but I am hoping we can all work together to ensure our return runs as safely and smoothly as possible.

We will provide further information as soon as it is available, including any updates we receive about exams/assessments. If you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact the College on 01482 711688 or [enquiries@wilberforce.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@wilberforce.ac.uk).

Yours sincerely

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