



Dear student,

A lot has happened since I wrote to you just a week ago. The country is now in a national lockdown and therefore we are unable to reopen the College to all students on 11th January as we had hoped.

All of your learning is now taking place online and we expect to be working with you remotely until February half term. You should feel reassured that our teachers are very experienced at delivering high-quality online sessions and you, our students, are much more familiar with online learning than during the first lockdown.

You may also be aware of announcements made in Parliament yesterday confirming that GCSE, AS and A Level exams have been cancelled for summer 2021. Exams will be replaced by Teacher Assessed Grades. We are still awaiting an announcement about BTECs and other qualification types.

The College wants to make sure that all of our students are awarded the grades that they deserve. It is absolutely essential that you attend all of your online sessions and complete assignments so that we can judge the progress that you have made.

We recognise that these are challenging times. Staff at the College are here to support you with your learning and wellbeing. Speak to your tutors, Learning Coach or student services if you need help or support.

We will continue to bring you updates as we receive further information. Please make sure you check your College email regularly.

Best wishes,

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