

New College Leicester

Principal: Mrs Jane Brown



Outstanding Progress for All

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – May 2020

You will be aware that in the last few days there have been a number of announcements about schools and I wanted to write to you today to clarify some of the messages and their impact on New College Leicester.

First of all, and most importantly, I would like to reassure you that the health and safety of your children will always come first – no matter what – so any decisions we make will be primarily based on the safety of students and staff. This is our precious New College family and we will always look after each other. Please don't worry too much about lost learning time - I can promise you that the amazing staff that we have at New College Leicester will work their hardest to help the students make up for the lost learning – that is our job.

Parents/Carers of Years 7, 8 and 9 - Based on the government guidance, the situation is that Years 7, 8 and 9 **will not** be returning to school prior to the summer holidays. While I am sure that this is disappointing for both you and your child/children, you will understand that our number one priority must remain the safety of staff, students and our community.

Parents/Carers of Year 10 - The government says that it hopes that some additional support, at some point, can be given to Y10 students. We are working hard on planning for the different possibilities that this support might take. While we want to provide additional support as soon as we can, we can only do this when it is as safe as it can be for them, our staff, you and the family members in your home. For now though, it is worth noting that there is a strong possibility, for the remainder of the school year, learning will still have to be conducted from home. When we have more clarity about the additional support we are able to provide Y10 students, I will be in touch again.

It has to be said there is still great uncertainty around what will actually happen in all schools, not least, because the 'five tests' that the government has determined, have to be met, in order for any access to schools. This means for example, that infection rates still have to be falling. If this is not the case, access to schools will be delayed. Please be aware that we find out information from the government at the same time you do.

Please remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child to learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by emailing your child's Head of Year. Also, our Safeguarding Team remains operational so if you have any concerns regarding the welfare of any of our students, please email any of the Heads of Year to raise your concerns and they will pass this on to the Safeguarding Team. If your child has any issues with the work set, they should contact their class teacher in the first instance so we can help (email addresses are attached to this letter).

We miss having the students in school, but we must continue to follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community and our New College family safe. So, while we are remaining closed to students, our teachers will continue to email out daily work to your child as we have been doing.

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Email: enquiries@newcollege.leicester.sch.uk



Whole
Education



Artsmark
Gold Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England



Accredited School
ROUTE TO RESILIENCE
IN SCHOOL | AT HOME | FOR LIFE



SEND Inclusion Award
2019-2022

Anti-bullying
Community Award
(ABC)

Please also remember that BBC Bitesize have launched their new service which you could also use if your child requires more work. I have also attached a list of websites which your child could access for additional resources. However, do remind your child to take breaks away from screens as well, and also make time for having fun and connecting with friends and family – we can catch up on the work later.

While we can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school, rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep students learning and the school connected.

Yours sincerely



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Academic Websites

- BBC Bitesize – www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize This is used by many subjects for revision of content, and useful for all year groups.
- www.targetcareers.co.uk/careers-advice/revision-tips/385994-a-level-and-gcse-revision-resources - resources for all subjects

Maths:

- www.mathswatch.co.uk – all students are used to this website, and teachers have been ensuring all know the access information.
- www.primrosekitten.com – excellent revision resources for science and maths
- www.corbettmaths.com – excellent maths resources
- www.mathsgenie.co.uk – Brilliant for graded GCSE questions and solutions
- www.mrbartonmaths.com – fantastic resources and videos

Science:

- www.focuselearning.co.uk **Username:** student@newparks2377 **Password:** ogworxpn6
This contains interactive versions of all the required practical's for students to work through experiments, analyse results and apply their findings. Science revision flash cards for key recall are also available through this site. It also contains key knowledge for KS3 and 4.
- www.freesciencelessons.co.uk – excellent revision resource.
- www.primrosekitten.com – excellent revision resources for science and maths

English:

- www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize (Edexcel exam board links)
- Mr Bruff on YouTube – language and structure and Macbeth (**Y11**)
- Mary Meredith on YouTube for all of conflict poetry (**Y11**)
- www.sparknotes.com – Macbeth (No fear Shakespeare)/Frankenstein and Journey's End (**Y11**)

Geography:

- www.timeforgeography.co.uk – useful videos for revision
- YouTube – Geography Edexcel B
- Geography GCSE Textbook – online: Access to the Facebook online:
<https://www.pearsonactivelearn.com/app/Register?target=AT> Our code is: 0038518 - You will need to register
- There are links to resources on the Subject section of the school's website.

Computer Science:

- www.senicalearning.com
- www.revisecomputerscience.com/6-a-day-current/
- www.getrevising.co.uk
- CraginDave on YouTube
- www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize OCR CS revision site

History:

- Seneca Learning - www.senicalearning.com/
<https://www.senicalearning.com/blog/history-gcse-podcasts-by-seneca/> (PODCASTS)

Health and Social Care:

- <https://www.poltairschool.co.uk/files/A-BOOKLET-1-BTEC-Tech-Award-in-Health-and-Social-Care.pdf>

Design Technology:

- www.Technologystudent.com

RE:

- <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062/>
- <https://www.senicalearning.com/blog/gcse-religious-studies-revision/>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zjgx47h>

MFL:

- <https://theidealteacher.com/gcse-french-speaking-questions-practice>
- <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/french-2016.html>
- Duolingo – App to practice speaking, vocabulary and grammar.
- Active Learn – Pupils all have a login where they can access a range of resources.
- www.teachitlanguages.co.uk/french

Media Studies:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/ztnygk7>
- <https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/media-studies/gcse/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HOy9D9ntQuw&list=PLtsOjyS9oHR0dPx7Z7KXNailjrKUSXmuS&index=6> (From here you will find links to all exam texts)