

Dear parent/guardian

We are now approaching the start of the public examination season. The first examinations begin on 11th May and we are working hard with students to ensure they have the support and help they need to succeed.

You will be aware that, unfortunately, the college was one of the victims of the recent flooding in Shrewsbury. I am pleased that, with the efforts of many staff, we were able to open again quickly and that some students were able to receive support via our on-line learning resources during the flooding however I am sure that you and your daughter/son will be concerned over the time missed from contact with teachers.

What is the college doing to make up for lost time?

- We are postponing the planned CPD day on Friday 3 April 2020 until later in the academic year. **Teaching at Welsh Bridge and English Bridge campuses on 3 April will now take place as per the normal timetable.**
- Each course has individually reviewed progress against the scheme of work. Some courses are actually ahead of schedule, whilst others have contingencies which they will now put in place. Where courses need to make up time, they will be:
 - adding additional teaching sessions across the college week
 - extending subject support time to all students
 - holding twilight sessions which will be available to all
 - running holiday sessions
- **In the coming weeks each subject will let students know what their plans are to catch up between now and the first exam in that subject.**

I would also like to take this opportunity to reiterate that, as we approach the external exams, a large part of a student's success will come down to the work they put in outside the classroom and at home. Parents and carers play a very important role in supporting students in their revision and helping them to perform to their best in their exams. Often this support will include ensuring they have a suitable place to revise at home and by checking they are keeping up with their revision. Revision is important to reinforce learning but also to ensure students have confidence and control when it comes to their assessments. Some students prefer to study in college, we are therefore also organising supervised study sessions at both Welsh Bridge and English Bridge campuses. Some students may be directed to attend these sessions by subject staff to help them make the best use of their study time within the college day.

Study Leave begins at half term (22nd May 2020) and, where full-time attendance at college is no longer feasible due to exam commitments, revision sessions with staff will continue and selected students will be asked to attend sessions in the subjects they need to focus on and they must attend these sessions to maximise their chances in the exams.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support and to wish your son or daughter good luck in their exams.

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