

# **Testing**

#### **Confirmatory PCR Tests:**

Confirmatory PCR tests have been reinstated for all positive Lateral Flow Device (LFD) results, whether those are recorded using a home test or on-site in college.

When a student or staff member tests positive from an at home or on-site LFD test, they must self-isolate, inform contacts, and book a PCR test; if the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the LFD and is negative, they can then return to college and contacts can also cease self-isolating.

## 90 Day Rule:

LFD testing is not recommended for anyone who has tested positive for coronavirus in the previous 90 days. For some students that 90 day waiting period will end during the Easter holidays. If you wish to join the LFD testing scheme, you will need to book your initial LFD test in college when you return for the summer term, and prior to you attending lessons. Once you have completed one LFD test in college, you will be able to collect your home testing kits. Please use this google form to book your college LFD test appointment. Please note you will need to wait for 30 minutes after the test to obtain your result, before being able to attend a lesson. Please be mindful of this when you book your appointment time, where possible.

# Self Isolating:

Please be aware that if you are asked to self isolate by the NHS Test and Trace system or by the College you should do so for the requested length of time. Currently you are not able to take a covid test to seek early release from self isolation, as you may still be incubating the virus.

## **Absence Reporting:**

When reporting your student's absence, please read all the options from the dropdown menu on Parent pages, and then select carefully. The first 3 options relate to coronavirus.

# **Reporting Test:**

The Government requests that students continue to self-test twice a week at home during the Easter break and report their results **online** on the government portal as positive, negative or void. If a student tests positive they must also inform the College. Students should aim to test either the night before or morning of the first day back for the summer term.

#### TAGs for Vocational Courses

We are currently awaiting final guidance from exam boards, outlining how vocational Level 3 courses are to be graded this year. We will update you on the process each of our vocational Level 3 courses will follow, to award grades, soon.

## Library Opening Times: Easter Holidays

The Glyn Library will remain open during the Easter Holidays, should students wish to make use of the facility. The opening times are as follows:

Tuesday 6th to Friday 9th March: 08:45 - 16:00

Monday 12th to Friday 16th March: 08:45 - 16:00

Students will need to use the library's booking system if they plan to visit during this time, which can be found here.

#### Message to Students About Exams

Professor Kevin Woods and psychologists at the University of Manchester have published a blog (titled Feeling worried about grades this year is understandable. Here are some things that might help...'), which may be useful for your student to read ahead of their teacher assessed grades this summer.

Click here to read the post

## Secretary of State Letter to Young People

Below is a letter from Secretary of State, Gavin Williamson, to all young people, thanking them for the part they have played in helping to fight coronavirus.

Click here.

#### Covid-19 FAQs

We have collated a list of frequently asked questions, for students, parents and guardians, about the College's response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Click here