

20 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE: Closure of college**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2020, the Government announced that all colleges are to close from the end of the day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March until further notice, except for children of key workers and vulnerable children. As a college we stand ready to provide support in any way we can during this time of crisis. We pride ourselves on our core values: humanity; equality; aspiration and respect. At this moment in time, we have **no** indication of how long the closure will last.

**External Examinations: Year 11, 12 and 13**

We have been informed that all exams will be cancelled but moderated assessments may be used to award GCSEs and 'A' levels. Further information on this is awaited but we would continue to urge our Year 11 and Year 13 students to continue with their studies.

At this time, the government has made an announcement to cancel all public examinations (e.g. GCSE, A Levels and BTEC). We are not clear what the next steps are. In the meantime, all Year 11, 12 and 13 students are required to complete any outstanding coursework for BTEC. The coursework results are most likely to measure how well your child has performed. In light of this, we have set up six email addresses, which are to be used for communicating with your child's teachers. If coursework is not completed to a sufficient standard by the specified deadline, it is likely that no grade will be awarded in that subject. Students should only be corresponding with staff on these emails, please be aware, it may take a few days for staff to respond.

<b>Subject Areas</b>	<b>Email</b>
Childcare (Level 3)	<a href="mailto:Childcare@waverleystudiocollege.co.uk">Childcare@waverleystudiocollege.co.uk</a>
Business (Level 2 and Level 3)	<a href="mailto:Business@waverleystudiocollege.co.uk">Business@waverleystudiocollege.co.uk</a>
Science (Level 2 and Level 3)	<a href="mailto:Science@waverleystudiocollege.co.uk">Science@waverleystudiocollege.co.uk</a>
Health and Social Care (Level 2 and Level 3)	<a href="mailto:HSC@waverleystudiocollege.co.uk">HSC@waverleystudiocollege.co.uk</a>
IT (Level 2)	<a href="mailto:IT@waverleystudiocollege.co.uk">IT@waverleystudiocollege.co.uk</a>
Sport (Level 2)	<a href="mailto:Sport@waverleystudiocollege.co.uk">Sport@waverleystudiocollege.co.uk</a>

**Curriculum work**

In order to provide work for our students, we have set up a revision links on our curriculum tab from the website [www.waverleystudiocollege.co.uk](http://www.waverleystudiocollege.co.uk), which can be accessed by all students from Years 10 – 13. This can be access by the bottom of the curriculum page, under "Links to Homework and Online Learning". We have our link "WSC Online Learning" and the other link, which gives lots of work to do.

We will endeavour to continue to provide suitable work for all of our students during the period of closure. Our advice is that students should try and complete work in line with what they would have usually completed had the college been open i.e. following their timetable. We appreciate that this might not always be possible, but really do encourage all of our students to stay in touch with their learning. Details of how to access the website links can be found overleaf and are also on our college website.

### Keyworkers and Provision

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined below. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

With regards to key workers, the announcement yesterday gave examples including NHS staff, police, college staff and supermarket delivery drivers – essentially those individuals who need to be able to go to work to support the country's effort against coronavirus. A further definition is expected to be announced by the Government however if you believe you will be classified as a key worker please let us know if you would like your child to attend college. Please email [enquiry@waverleystudiocollege.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@waverleystudiocollege.co.uk) or phone 0121 566 6600 (Waverley School during college hours).

Please, therefore, follow these key principles:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
4. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

The announcement also defined vulnerable children as those who have a social worker and those with an Education, Health and Care plan. We have been making contact with families of these children today to continue to offer college support. Where we are offering this provision **at Waverley School, 311 Yardley Green Road, Birmingham B9 5QA** will be open from 8.40am to 3.05pm. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Any parents with students eligible for Free College Meals should contact the college on [enquiry@waverleystudiocollege.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@waverleystudiocollege.co.uk) to discuss arrangements.

The announcement also stated that there would be continuing support for children eligible for free college meals. Again, we are expecting more guidance for colleges to be published shortly.

We will use our college website [www.waverleystudiocollege.co.uk](http://www.waverleystudiocollege.co.uk) , twitter @WaverleyStudio and text (please ensure we have your correct mobile details) where appropriate to keep you informed of any additional information we receive. We appreciate that this is an anxious time. Please look after yourselves and loved ones and we look forward to seeing everyone back at college as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal