

17 July 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you and your family are well.

I wanted to give you an update about what we are planning at the start of the Autumn Term.

By now your child will have received a welcome postcard and a pencil from us. They will hopefully have seen the 'Getting Ready for College' material and completed the preparation work for a number of subjects. You may have done so too! Having done this, they may have changed their minds about what they wish to study and that is fine; they will not make their final choice until they enrol here.

Enrichment - There are a number of enrichment activities that we are hoping to run in the next year, so please encourage your child to [sign up](#) for these on the 'Getting Ready for College' site before **Friday 24 July 2020**. This is one of the best ways to make new friends and try out new activities with likeminded people.

Transition Evening - I hope you found the virtual [Transition Evening](#) helpful in answering some of the questions you no doubt have.

Enrolment - Enrolment will be primarily online this year and, for many students, there will be no requirement to come onto the College site to enrol. We will be sending more detailed information about how the process will work nearer the time. The online system will be available from GCSE Results Day for students to start uploading their results, and staff will start enrolling new students from **Monday 24 August 2020**. This date has been brought forward from that previously stated due to the current circumstances and to ensure we have enough time to support every student with their choices. **There will be ample opportunity for liaison with Personal Tutors during this process.**

Induction - Induction will be taking place for all new students between **Tuesday 1 and Friday 4 September 2020**; they will meet their Personal Tutor and start to settle into College life. It is only necessary to attend on one of these dates for a morning or afternoon - session details will be emailed once enrolment is completed. We are planning to limit the number of students on the site to 250 so that social distancing can be observed.

Teaching starts on Monday 7 September 2020. As per the current Department for Education guidance, we are planning to have all students attending their academic lessons on site in September. In order to accommodate this, we are going to start with an altered timetable, with two 3 hour lessons a day; one in the morning and one in the afternoon. This is in order to reduce the number of students on site in a day and minimise the movement of students around College. Across a two week period, a student will have three double lessons per academic subject. Some elements of a student's programme, such as Prospects, may be delivered remotely.

If students are not in a timetabled lesson, they will be encouraged and supported to work from home. The Learning Resource Centres will be open for students who are unable to travel home.

If the College's plan has to change based on the situation in the local area, we will update you.

Catering - We are unable to offer the usual catering options for the time being. It will be possible for students to buy a limited range of food, but we are encouraging students to bring in their own lunch if they are timetabled to be in lessons all day.

IT Survey - To help prepare students for College, we have sent them a survey to find out the resources available to them at home and have asked for them to reply by Monday 3 August 2020.

Preparing the College site - Work will be ongoing over the summer break to prepare the site for the return of the students. We will have one way systems, hand sanitiser stations and signage to inform students and staff of the health and safety regulations.

Changes to October half term dates - Please note that, because we are starting enrolment earlier, October half term will now be a two week break from 19 - 30 October 2020.

We will be continuing to update the College website, farnborough.ac.uk, over the summer so please keep an eye out for updates. This is especially relevant for those of you who travel on public transport. We are speaking to the service providers and are hoping to have an update about this nearer the start of term.

If for any reason your plans have changed and your child has decided that they will no longer be joining us in September, we kindly ask that you let us know by emailing admissions@farnborough.ac.uk .

Best wishes,

Catherine Cole
Principal