

17 July 2020

Dear Student,

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 you should have received a welcome postcard and a pencil from us. You will hopefully have seen the 'Getting Ready for College' material and completed the preparation work for a number of subjects. Having done this, you may have changed your mind about what you wish to study and that is fine; you do not need to make a final choice until you enrol at College.

Enrichment - There are a number of enrichment activities that we are hoping to run next year, including sports teams, performing arts and music enrichment. This is one of the best ways to make new friends and try out activities with likeminded people. You can [sign up](#) for timetabled enrichment on the 'Getting Ready for College' site until **Friday 24 July 2020**.

Enrolment - Enrolment will be primarily online this year and, for many of you, there will be no requirement to come on to 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 you to start uploading your 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**. At Induction, you will meet your 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 - we will be in touch about this by email 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 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 - In preparation for your lessons, we would like to know what resources you have available to you at home. Please can you complete the following survey, using this student reference number {{Student_Ref}}, by **Monday 3 August 2020**: [Ability to work from home survey](#).

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 any updates. This is especially relevant for those of you who travel on public transport. We are hoping to have an update about this nearer the start of term.

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

I do hope you have a lovely summer break and stay safe.

Best wishes,

Catherine Cole
Principal