

Dear AS Student,

25<sup>th</sup> May 2021

As you are aware, your AS lessons will resume on the 7<sup>th</sup> June for four weeks. During this time, we will start delivering your A2 courses.

It's been a unique year for you in terms of hybrid 50:50 and full online delivery. We would like to use our remaining time to allow more face to face delivery in the classroom.

**Therefore, from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June, we are planning that all AS lessons will resume with 100% face to face delivery.**

This will include your AS subjects and tutorial. However, all Welsh Baccalaureate lessons will remain online.

This will give you an opportunity to meet all the members of your AS classes and to experience a slightly busier college before September.

We have received many requests from students to return to the classroom for full delivery, so I hope you can see we have been listening and are now in a position to respond to your requests.

The vaccination programme in Wales is making excellent progress, with the majority of the vulnerable parts of the population having had both vaccines, and the vaccine helping to reduce the spread of the virus. However, we still need to be vigilant, and we need to always follow the guidance of Public Health Wales. You will know the College is offering Lateral Flow Testing to its students and staff. If you would like to join the Colleges Lateral Flow Testing programme you can do that by clicking [Lateral Flow Testing Programme](#) and filling in the form. Once you have joined the programme and to make it easy for you, test packs will be posted directly to your home.

As the virus is still with us, and to ensure you are still as safe as possible while on campus, there will still be strict safety guidelines that you must adhere to such as:

- You must not visit the college if you have any Covid-19 symptoms, and book yourself in for a test.
- Wearing masks in classroom is compulsory (unless medically exempt)
- Sanitising your hands regularly and your work area when you arrive in the class
- Do not share stationary or electronic equipment such as phones or laptops
- Ensuring 2m distancing is maintained in communal areas such as corridors and reception areas
- Following the one way systems in the college
- Wearing face masks in communal areas is compulsory unless eating or drinking
- Seating in the refectories will be in line with government guidelines
- Advanced booking to use the library facilities is still in operation.

There will be staggered break times during the morning and afternoon lessons, and classrooms will be well ventilated.

We request that if you do not have a lesson in the morning or afternoon that you remain at home, and only come in for your lesson. If you have lessons in the morning and afternoon, you can stay onsite, and you will be able to use the eating areas or book study time in the library via the email: [libraries@nptcgroup.ac.uk](mailto:libraries@nptcgroup.ac.uk)

We do expect you to make the most of this opportunity to return to a more normal way of experiencing your lessons as the college begins to open up.

If you have concerns about your return, please can you speak to your personal tutor in the first instance. There is support we can offer you if you are feeling anxious and you can access this by emailing:

[studentsupport@nptcgroup.ac.uk](mailto:studentsupport@nptcgroup.ac.uk) or [wellbeing@nptcgroup.ac.uk](mailto:wellbeing@nptcgroup.ac.uk)

All the college staff are looking forward to seeing you in person from the 7<sup>th</sup> June, and please remember to adhere to the safety guidelines to keep yourself and others safe.

We will monitor your return closely and adjust our processes accordingly so that we are adhering to the guidelines of Public Health Wales.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Lisa Jenkins

Director of Studies: 6<sup>th</sup> Form Academy - NPTC Group of Colleges