

13th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure that the last seven weeks have been challenging and unsettling for you all. I also know that some of you may have been dealing with illness or the loss of members of family or friends which is the most terrible consequence of this pandemic.

I am also aware that quite a number of you are key workers who have been working through this period in critical and essential roles and we offer our thanks to you for that.

As far as the situation at Saint Francis Xavier College, we are keeping within government guidelines and ensuring that any on site delivery can be planned and carried out as safely as possible for all. This is not a simple goal, given the social distancing guidelines, and will inevitably mean a partial rather than a full return to operation in the first instance.

Essentially the current position is as follows:

BTEC Level 1 students will not be returning to lessons on site this term
BTEC Level 2 students will not be returning to lessons on site this term
BTEC Level 3 Year 2 will not be returning to lessons on site this term
UAL Level 3 Year 2 will not be returning to lessons on site this term
A level Year 2 students will not be returning to lessons on site this term

Staff are working on submitting centre assessed grades to the examination boards for all of the students on the programmes above so that students will achieve a fair qualification outcome which reflects their standard of work over the duration of their course.

The following groups of students are likely to be invited to College for individual consultation or staggered sessions with teachers at some point in June and we shall publish that information very clearly to students. This all depends on what measures can be put in place to ensure a safe environment and encounter. This applies to:

BTEC Level 3 Year 1 students
USL Level 3 Year 1 students
A level Year 1 students

This is how the government guidance has been set out at the moment. If there are changes I shall keep you updated. It is of considerable regret to us that students have had such disruption to their academic studies and we are doing what we can to ensure that they keep abreast of College work and that those students leaving us progress as smoothly as possible to university, training or employment.



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For those returning to the College in autumn we shall let them know how to complete their re-enrolment online and how to prepare for courses next year.

Please know that we are offering up prayers for you daily and it is our sincerest hope that we can ensure that our students can recover from this disruption to their studies. If there is anything we might be able to do to assist further, please let us know.

Warm regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stella Flannery'.

Stella Flannery
Principal