

24th May 2020

Message to All Students of Saint Francis Xavier College and Parents/Carers of Students

Forthcoming Qualification Awards - Summer Term 2020

Dear Members of the Saint Francis Xavier College Community,

We hope that Easter was peaceful and restful and that students and their family members remain well. The sort of stress which we are currently experiencing is very different from that which we normally experience in busy London but nevertheless it is difficult to adjust to the uncertainty and the “oddness” of the lockdown period.

We have been gathering as much clear and up-to-date information as we can with respect to how qualifications are going to be awarded and I will try to make this as straightforward as possible.

1. Students in the FIRST YEAR of A level courses, BTEC or UAL (Year 12)

You have a straightforward situation which is to keep in touch with your course teachers and continue to complete work set. This is very important as we do not want you to experience any significant gaps in knowledge and understanding. There will likely be some form of assessment when things get back to normal so it is crucial you keep up to date with the work set. If you have any personal difficulties or are unable to access teaching and learning materials because of a lack of IT facilities at home, you should email your tutor or your Head of House and take advice from them.

2. BTEC Level 1 -Students doing a Foundation Course

The College will be making an estimated judgement of your overall qualification this year, taking into account the work you have completed already. The examination board will also look at your achievement at school, how well the College has achieved in the past and the national distribution of grades awarded. Please continue to do the work which your teachers are setting for you now as this will help bridge any gaps in learning if you are applying to return to College next year to progress to the next BTEC level [Level 2]. **If you are considering applying to College next year, application forms will be sent to your college email address at the beginning of May. It is crucial that you complete and return the application by email by 22nd May.** In the meantime, if you have difficulty accessing teaching materials because of a lack of IT facilities at home, please pass this information on to your tutor and we shall try to help.

3. BTEC Level 2 – Business, Health and Social Care or IT

The College will be making an estimated judgement of your overall qualification this year, taking into account the work you have done already and the results of the tests you have sat. The examination board will also look at your achievement at school, how well the

College has achieved in the past and the national distribution of grades awarded. Please continue to do the work which your teachers are setting for you now as this will help bridge any gaps in learning if you are applying to return to College next year to progress to the next BTEC level [Level 3]. **If you are considering applying to College next year, application forms will be sent to your college email address at the beginning of May. It is crucial that you complete and return the application by email by 22nd May.** In the meantime, if you have difficulty accessing teaching materials because of a lack of IT facilities at home, please pass this information on to your tutor and we shall try to help.

4. GCSE English and GCSE Mathematics

The College will make a prediction of what your likely performance would have been in the summer 2020 examinations. The Examination Boards will look at this as well as information about your prior achievement in these examinations, about last year's achievement at the College and the national distribution of grades awarded. You will already have completed the work that the college will consider when predicting a grade but please continue to do any work being set by your teachers now as this will help you to continue to develop your maths and English skills and prepare you for progressing to the next level of programme (if appropriate) at Saint Francis Xavier.

5. BTEC Level 3 – FINAL YEAR

The College will be submitting centre assessed grades shortly and these will be submitted to BTEC along with data about your prior achievement (including 90 credit diploma grades), how the College has performed in these qualifications in the past. The units that will count towards your centre assessed grade is anything completed by March 20th 2020 but please complete any additional work which your teacher directs you to do now as we are required to have evidence available to corroborate the grades that have been awarded. It will also ensure that you are as well prepared as possible for progressing on to your next steps, especially if you are progressing to university. In the meantime, if you have difficulty accessing teaching materials because of a lack of IT facilities at home, please pass this information on to your tutor and we shall try to help.

6. A level Students – FINAL YEAR

The College will be submitting centre assessed grades shortly and these will be submitted to the examination boards along with data about your prior achievement (including mock exams and other key assessments), how the College has performed in these qualifications in the past and the national distribution of grades awarded. The work that will count towards your centre assessed grade is anything completed by March 20th 2020 but please complete any work which your teacher directs you to do now as this will ensure you are well prepared for your next stage of learning, especially if you are progressing to university. In the meantime, if you have difficulty accessing teaching materials because of

a lack of IT facilities at home, please pass this information on to your tutor and we shall try to help.

7. UAL Students – FINAL YEAR

The College will be submitting centre assessed grades shortly and these will be submitted to UAL along with data about your prior achievement (including UAL Diploma grades), how the College has performed in these qualifications in the past and the national distribution of grades awarded. The work that will count towards your centre assessed grade is anything completed by March 20th 2020 but please complete any additional work which your teacher directs you to do now as this may help to provide evidence available to corroborate the grades that have been awarded. It will also ensure that you are as well prepared as possible for progressing on to your next steps, especially if you are progressing to university. In the meantime, if you have difficulty accessing teaching materials because of a lack of IT facilities at home, please pass this information on to your tutor and we shall try to help.

We hope that all of you remain well and please try not to worry about how this will affect your future chances. The government, universities and of course Saint Francis Xavier College will do everything we can to make sure that you are not disadvantaged by this national emergency situation.

Kind regards

Mrs Flannery (Principal)

Mr. Thompson (Associate Principal and Principal Designate from Autumn Term 2020)

Mr. Graham (Associate Principal)