

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020

Dear Parent/carer and Post 16 students,

As you are aware, all exams were cancelled due to minimising the spread of Covid -19. As frustrating as this is, your safety is paramount. I would like to thank all of our students for their hard work this academic year and for continuing to work from home to achieve their best. Your teachers have praised your hard work and commitment and you should be proud.

## Year 12 and 13 - Level 2 Learners

If you have been studying a level 2 course, you are not required to complete any additional work as all level 2 courses were designed for one year only. You should now be spending time ensuring you are ready to progress into your future provision. Students should be actively looking at what they can do next. I would suggest you use this time to secure a college/sixth form/apprenticeship position, as previously emailed to all students. Personal Tutors have been making contact with all Year 12 and 13 students individually to ensure they have applied for college or an apprenticeship and are offering support with this.

## Year 12 - Level 3 Learners

If you have been studying a level 3 course, your class teachers will continue to set work that needs to be completed via Teams or through email, this is due to your course continuing in September 2020. I will be contacting you individually to arrange a time to come into school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June, in line with the government guidelines and social distancing rules. This will be to discuss plans for the new academic year and any support you may need.

## Year 13 - Level 3 Learners

If you have been studying a level 3 course, you are not required to complete any additional work. Many of you will be preparing for higher education, an apprenticeship or employment. Your Personal Tutor will be making contact with you to ensure you have all the support you need for the next stage of your journey.

It is important you keep your minds active and continue to engage in education, as we never stop learning. Below is a link for Open University and they are currently offering nearly 1000 free short courses at different levels. I would encourage you all to spend some time to find a subject that interests you and enrol, as this may benefit you in the future.

## https://www.open.edu/openlearn/education/free-courses

As you are aware, as of September 2020 NUSA Post 16 will only be offering level 3 courses. I will be in contact with students individually that have shown an interest and may meet the criteria to enrol onto a Level 3 course for September. I will be arranging a time for you to come into school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June, in line with the government guidelines and social distancing rules.

As many of you will not be returning in September, the original plans for a leaver's event is currently being reviewed due to the ongoing situation. I want to reassure you I will do my best to try and organise an event to give you the chance to say farewell to your friends and teachers. I will update you in due course.

I wish you all the best with your plans for the future and encourage you to continue to work hard to achieve your aspirational goals, never give up and always believe in yourself.

I look forward to seeing you all soon, stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

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