

Reopening plans for WSC:

As I am sure you will have heard on the news early this week, the Government has announced some changes that will affect the plans for the start of next term. The College will be staggering the return of students and will prioritise students based on their individual circumstances; this will also enable staff to prepare for the rollout of lateral flow testing of students.

Our plan for the staggered return of students for the Spring Term is:

- **04 January 2021** any student who falls into one of the categories below should return to college as normal:
 - those who are due to take exams and assessments in January 2021
 - vulnerable young people (The Government's definition of a vulnerable student can be found [here.](#))
 - Students with an Educational Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- Students who do not fall into one of the above categories will be contacted by their Course Director and provided with information regarding online learning arrangements.
- **11 January 2021** in addition to the students identified above, students who fall into one of the categories below should also return to college as normal:
 - those on technical programmes who need to access specialised equipment
 - those preparing for upcoming assessments or exams, for example vocational and technical qualifications (VTQs) and GCSEs during this academic year
 - Students who are unable to access remote online learning
- **18 January 2021** all remaining students should return to college as normal

Course teams will be available from **4 January 2021**, to support students with questions they may have and will be in contact during the week to provide details regarding online learning arrangements.

All students over the age of 16 will be contacted by the team who are rolling out our testing centre early next week with information about how the tests will be carried out and details about the consent forms you will be asked to complete.

If your child is younger than that, then parents will hear from the team directly.

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