

22nd November 2021

Dear families

As we approach the end of November I am writing to bring you up to date with some of the latest developments in our College.

Our second year students applying to Oxbridge and medical courses submitted their UCAS applications by the early entry deadline and I'm delighted to say we had record numbers applying and some already selected for interview. We'd really like all the remaining second year students to have submitted their UCAS applications by early December. At this stage it's brilliant to see more Russell group applications than ever before with Manchester and Leeds being the top two so far!

I'm also delighted to share with you that our first term local charity day raised £701 for Bradford Nightstop. Throughout the day our students made contributions and dressed in literally the widest range of clothes celebrating different cultures imaginable. Next term we'll focus on a National charity and aim to raise even more.

We're also looking forward to the first big meal event of the year on the 8th December when the entire College community will be eating together at the same time.

Here we grow again

The College is celebrating a successful bid to the DfE for building expansion work. This means we will be developing the first floor of the Coach house building which will give us four additional classrooms ready for September 2022.

Assessment in College and monitoring your son/daughter's progress

In a Sixth Form College internal assessments that help students measure their progress as well as preparing them for final exams are always important. With both our year groups having a formal GCSE free year 11 experience at school it is even more important than ever that students prepare for our internal key assessments.

Our next internal key assessments take place in the week beginning 29th November and all examinations will be run as formal exam hall examinations during this week. After these exams are marked we will write to parents to communicate the outcomes.



However parents do not need to wait for the letter because our parent portal is now available for parents to log into. This portal allows you to see the attendance, progress and pastoral log of your son or daughter. It's a really powerful tool – please follow the instructions below to activate your account. This is best done from a PC device. **Your student reference information will be sent in a separate email.**

Use this link to access Improve: <https://dixons6a.e-st.cloud>

- Go to **Register as a new user?**
- Complete your registration details using the reference you have been sent
- Click the Save button at the bottom right hand corner of the screen (you may need to scroll to find it)
- Once you tick to confirm we will then need to authorise your request
- You will then receive a welcome email displaying a temporary password that you can sign in with and subsequently change once logged in.



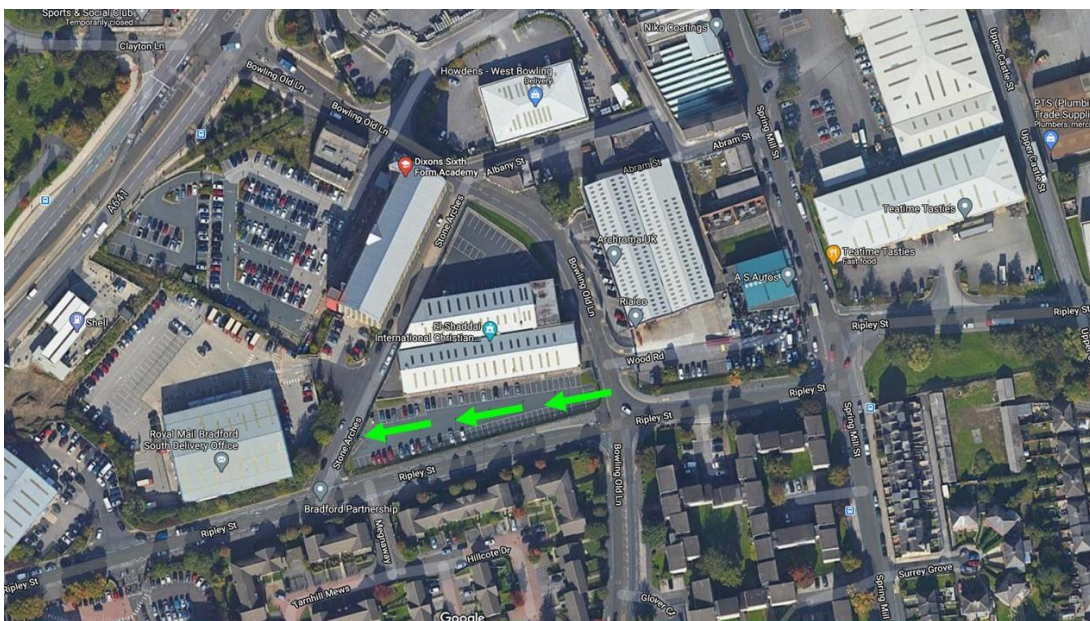
Traffic – picking up and dropping off

Our first lessons start at 8:50AM and in order to help students that arrive by public transport time their arrival we open the College to students thirty minutes before this time at 8:20AM

Increasingly I've seen more congestion around our busy entrance approaches. In order to ensure the safety of our College community please can parents who give their sons and daughters lifts to College drop them a little further away from College – say 2-3 streets away and ask them to walk the remainder to reduce congestion immediately around the building.

The bus services to College are excellent so I would like to encourage parents to think about whether you need to give lifts to students – many of whom are 18 years old. All students that receive bursaries can have a weekly bus pass completely free of charge.

Where parents feel they can't drop off a few streets away we encourage parents to drive through our stone arches car park to drop off students. This is a designated route for parents and the exit gates automatically open when driven up to. Parents are welcome to wait briefly in this zone in their vehicles as well (see image below for details of our drop off zone).



Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Rothery', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mark Rothery
Principal