

Dear Families

As we come towards the end of this most unusual of terms, I am writing to confirm that our temporary covid related timetable structure will remain in place at least until February half term. In relation to this it would greatly help us if students that are receiving lifts from family members could be dropped off in the surrounding streets rather than immediately next to the College buildings.

YR1 students have taken 2 key assessments this term. Linked to this when we come back in the new year students will be reviewing their progress so far and planning for improvement. We will be sending all parents details of how to log in to our Parents Portal (called our Improve system) so you will be able see progress to date and the improvement plans your son/daughter has written. We will be running a parental consultation evening early in Spring and at this moment in time it looks like that will be a telephone event. We will be in contact early in the New Year with further details about this event.

In the meantime, the table below has some useful contacts should you wish to contact the College.

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One change that all students are aware of that might not have filtered through to all parents is that we have decided to make our temporary dress code permanent. All this means in practice is that suit jackets and blazers for male and female students are now optional. This more informal approach is very much in keeping with our atmosphere – a relaxed adult atmosphere where the focus is on the work students do and the progress they are making rather than external factors. The link is here should anyone wish to remind themselves of the wide range of options <https://www.dixons6a.com/uploads/files/Student-dress-code.pdf>

As we approach the deadline for our YR2 students UCAS applications I'd like to share with you the picture of offers our students have already received so far. We set our stall out to attract, nurture and inspire the talent that Bradford's young people have. We believe the best in Bradford is as good as any other city – so it's exciting and humbling to see our students in this first ever year group already have received offers from the following universities. Bradford culture is going to be exported not just across the North, but across the entire country!



Aston University, Birmingham	Northumbria University, Newcastle
De Montfort University	Swansea University
Durham University	The University of Edinburgh
Goldsmiths, University of London	The University of Law
Kingston University	University Academy 92 (UA92)
Lancaster University	University of Birmingham
Leeds Beckett University	University of Bradford
Leeds Trinity University	University of Bristol
London Metropolitan University	University of Central Lancashire
Loughborough University	University of East Anglia UEA
Manchester Metropolitan University	University of Exeter
Met Film School	University of Huddersfield
Newcastle University	University of Hull
University of Kent	University of Sheffield
University of Leeds	University of St Andrews
University of Lincoln	University of Surrey
University of Liverpool	University of West London
University of Manchester	University of York
University of Nottingham	

Many thanks,



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