

April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As we embark on the Summer Term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support amidst what have been extremely challenging times and to provide some clarity regarding the focus for half term 5.

Since the college's full reopening in March, staff have been supporting students with the return to face to face lessons. Student well-being has been prioritised alongside assessing students' current level of knowledge and understanding. As part of this process, students will undertake end of year examinations which will take place in the **W/C 24th May and 7th June**. Please be aware that during this time, there will be no lessons taking place. The focus of end of year examinations is not the grade or result achieved by students. Rather, it is about preparing them for their final year of studies and providing an opportunity for the following:

- To help identify gaps in learning which will inform teacher planning for Year 13 and support students in knowing specific areas of focus for independent study.
- To provide students with an opportunity to experience formal examination procedures.

Therefore, after the Easter holidays, teachers will be focusing upon preparing students for the end of year examinations and supporting students with examination and revision technique strategies.

As I am sure you are aware, students are starting to consider future destinations. During half term 6, we will be spending more time supporting students with applications to UCAS, apprenticeships and employment. Furthermore, we will be preparing students for pre interview/aptitude tests e.g. BMAT or Oxford/Cambridge entry tests. We will provide further information regarding this process in due course.

Please be aware that our intention is to adjust the timings of the day from **W/C 10th May**. As Year 13 students will have finished their courses and will not be in the building, Year 12 students will follow the lesson times below. Currently, all students work independently for one-hour each week so that staff can take part in professional development activities. Making this change will ensure that all students get the maximum time possible with their teachers each week. It will also provide students with better timings in relation to lunch and the end of the day. If this would cause any problems, please outline your concerns by emailing info@elliotthudsoncollege.ac.uk.

Year 12	Start	Finish
Period 1	9.00	11.00
Break	11.00	11.15
Period 2	11.15	12.45
Lunch	12.45	13.15
Period 3	13.15	14.45

We look forward to welcoming students back to college on Monday 19 April. Please see the reminder below regarding CPD/term/holiday dates for the rest of the academic year:

- Friday 23rd April/Monday 26th April/Tuesday 4th May: Staff CPD sessions (students finish lessons at 2pm)
- 3rd May: Bank holiday
- W/C 24th May: Study leave/End of year examinations
- 31st May – 6th June: May Half Term Holiday
- W/C 7th June: Study leave/ End of year examinations
- 2nd July: Last day of teaching

Yours faithfully



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