

Student Update Email 10th February

Good Afternoon,

As we approach the half-term break, I wanted to update you on a few things.

Thursday 11th February – College Closure

The college will be closed to staff and students tomorrow while we reconnect our power supply. This will NOT affect online teaching through platforms such as Zoom and Google Classrooms and **lessons should go ahead as normal.**

Assessment and Exams

We are expecting to receive clarification about how grades will be awarded immediately after half-term. At this point, we will be able to provide students with a clear timeline and overview of the process. In the meantime, it is really important that we are able to track and monitor student progress and identify significant gaps in learning.

To this end, **all students will do a Key Assessment during the two weeks after half-term.** These will not be additional but in line with assessments already planned within Schemes of Learning. Your teacher will tell you when and how you will be assessed and what you will need to revise or prepare.

The outcome of this assessment will give us a baseline measure of student progress and will inform the Working at Grade for reports. These assessments may also form part of the evidence base for the teacher assessed element of grades awarded this summer.

Half-Term Arrangements

The college will not be open to students during next week's half term break, although you will be able to contact student support services, such as Safeguarding, via email. Students entitled to FSM should receive a voucher from their local authority to cover this week. We will contact students directly to let them know the arrangements for how to access and use these vouchers.

Return to College

At the moment we are assuming that we will return to onsite lessons from 8th March, although this will not be confirmed until the week commencing 22nd February. As soon as the Prime Minister sets out his road map for returning children and young people to education, we will let you know what this means specifically for students at LSC.

Student Feedback

Curriculum departments are in the process of collecting feedback from students regarding their online learning experience and their wellbeing. We will be using this feedback to continue to improve teaching and learning and to make adjustments at departmental and whole college level. The student council has also been surveying students and their findings will also help to shape developments over the coming months.

Work Experience Opportunity

I'd like to draw your attention to a work experience opportunity offered by StemItUP which focuses on how to make science experiments interesting and enjoyable for young children. You can either help through the media management such as advertisement and helping to keep track of our social media engagement or you can teach and explain science experiments to young people.

If you are interested you can find out more and sign up here:

<https://forms.gle/LPEgq5uN4RSozN8s7>

Please note that you will need to login using your college email address.

I will be back in touch after the half term break. I hope that you have a restful and relaxing week.

Best wishes,

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