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CORONAVIRUS – COVID-19 LETTER TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS

20 March 2020

Dear Student and Parent

Online learning – from Monday 23 March

Arrangements for online learning and remote working are now in place and take effect from Monday 23 March 2020. This link will take you to the various sites and app downloads you will need to study online: <https://sites.google.com/stamford.ac.uk/remote-working-student>. If you need technical support to set up online learning please email ITservices@stamford.ac.uk and provide a contact telephone number. One of our IT technicians will call back and talk you through a solution.

Vulnerable students

The government has asked colleges to provide vital services for vulnerable students, particularly those who have parents who are 'key workers'. This is the guidance we are working to:

- [Guidance for Schools, Colleges and Local Authorities on Maintaining Education Provision](#)
- [FAQ for Parents and Carers](#)

We have contacted the parents of all students who fall into the 'vulnerable learner' category and set up small-scale, onsite provision to meet their needs, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, Tuesdays to Thursdays. Arrangements for transport, drop-off and safe handover are in place.

The vast majority of students aged 16 and above will not need to attend college and the guidance from government is absolutely clear: every child or young person who can be safely cared for at home should be. This is to ensure social distancing is maximised and the potential for infection is minimised – both for students and college staff. However, if, as a key worker, you would like to talk to the college about accessing this provision please email us on enquiries@stamford.ac.uk.

Resumption of full college activity

Places for our onsite provision must be booked via enquiries@stamford.ac.uk. We will review these arrangements daily to ensure they continue to meet needs. However, until further notice, the college campus will be on lockdown outside of these arrangements. When we have further information about re-opening the campus and resuming full course delivery we will be in touch by email and will also post notices on our website www.stamford.ac.uk and via social media.

Exams

I know some of you will have **concerns about your exams** after Wednesday's announcement from the government. This is clearly an unprecedented situation and we have no information yet about the approach the government, and specifically the exams oversight body, Ofqual, will take. However, I can assure you that New College Stamford will be able to respond and will do so swiftly. **We will ensure all of our students are fully supported and that we take all available steps to ensure you are able to progress to your next step.**

And finally,

May I take this opportunity to thank all of my colleagues at New College Stamford who have worked tirelessly this week with energy and positivity, demonstrating immense resilience and innovation. To those staff who have volunteered to provide an onsite service to students from next week, I sincerely thank you for your commitment and dedication.

Best wishes
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