

Monday 21st September 2020

Dear parents / carers

Today we were delighted to welcome back on site our 2A students after over six months of distance learning. It was great to see familiar faces again. We are all really pleased at how smoothly the first week went online and thank you to our new students for adhering to the safety arrangements we have put in place at the college. Our current plan is still that the 50/50 blended approach will continue until half term so that we can ensure year groups are separate and our whole college community is safe.

Communications with students and parents

The last six months have been very challenging for all of us and to maintain clear communications with our students and parents we have had to send frequent emails and social media updates. Hopefully as the term settles in we will be able to focus more on the regular updates we send at each time of year – these will be hosted as usual on the [Parents / Carers](#) section of the website. If we need to update students and parents about coronavirus-related matters such as reopening of the college or examinations, these will continue to be hosted in the new [Latest Updates](#) section of the website.

Over the summer I am sure you will have read on our website or in local and regional newspapers about the fantastic achievements of students in their final results. We are very proud of our students and know that at Collyer's everyone can achieve their potential. As one of the leading sixth form colleges in the country and the top state A Level provider in the whole of West Sussex for both high grades and value added, every year students achieve outstanding grades.

Support for progression

This term the main focus of tutorial time will be on progression after college – be it to university, apprenticeships, further study or the world of work. In the summer, nearly 9 in 10 students progressed onto their first-choice university, so you can rest assured that our staff provide expert guidance to all our students. Students will also be using the [Unifrog](#) platform to research options for courses and university, a widely adopted and individually tailored guide to help make informed choices about future study as well as investigating career paths.

Car park, no smoking policy, safety on site and absence

Our main car park on Hurst Road operates a barrier control system but does remain open until 09:30 each morning to enable drop off. At other times of day the car park is for visitors only and an exit ticket will be required from Reception, so it is better to pick up away from the college. Students wishing to park on site will need to apply for a permit at a cost of £162 per year. There are only a limited number of spaces available. Details of the criteria applied are outlined in the 'A Guide to Travel & Financial Assistance 2020-2021' leaflet which is available on the college website. Permits are not issued to students who reside within a 10 mile distance from the college. To apply for a parking permit, students need to email Karen Smith (kes@collyers.ac.uk) to ascertain if they meet the criteria. Each application will be considered on its own merits.

Collyer's is a no smoking campus. In our Code of Conduct under the behaviour and health & safety sections it clearly states that students should not smoke in the college (including e-cigarettes) or elsewhere on the campus, or at its entrances (to assist traffic safety). This also applies to the local roads and residential areas as we work to promote good relations with our neighbours. In the interests of safeguarding students, they will also be expected to

display their ID card and lanyard at college. Finally, a reminder that face coverings need to be worn in corridors and communal areas as soon as students arrive on college campus.

For information and to keep up to date with major activities and upcoming events, please go to the main college site, www.collyers.ac.uk and then select the Parents/Carers tab on the homepage. In this section a variety of useful guides to college life can be found, including on notifying us of a student absence and how to access the MyStudent parent portal. There are also other useful sections on this page such as 'Progression' and 'Support for Learning'. Finally, term dates for the next two years are available via the [Academic](#) section of the website.

Kind regards

Dan Lodge
Principal