

18th March 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

The Senior Leadership Team met this morning to review the current situation and our latest response to the Coronavirus.

In line with Government advice we continue to be open for learning with our normal timetable in operation.

However, to support our teaching staff and tutors in the preparation of online materials and remote learning, should this be needed, we will be suspending classes at the College to students this Friday, 20th March, for one day only. **We plan to then resume with normal timetables on Monday 23rd March.** We trust you will understand this action in ensuring that we are best prepared should it be necessary for us to close a campus or the College. Please note that any exams timetabled for this Friday will not be impacted upon and students should attend as normal to complete.

We are continuing to monitor the situation regarding domestic trips and we will be reviewing those trips due to go in the summer term at the Easter break.

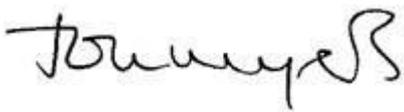
As you will know there are questions to which we do not yet have immediate answers. These include future exam and assessment arrangements and university entrance requirements but we are in communication with the relevant external organisations and with our local Colleges to work together through these questions.

This continues to be an unprecedented situation and we continue to meet on a daily basis to review and respond. Updates to our plans will be posted by 6pm each day on the Coronavirus update page of our website <https://www.hsdc.ac.uk/coronavirus-update/>

Please can we stress that if your son or daughter is feeling unwell and displaying the symptoms of Coronavirus they must self-isolate as outlined in the Public Health England guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

We thank you for your continued understanding.

Yours sincerely



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