

24th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all students for their level of maturity and engagement with the recent lateral flow testing programme undertaken at HSDC. We have completed nearly 11,500 tests with most of all the students now settling into their home testing regime. The Department for Education has recently updated schools and colleges on the plans for lateral flow testing as we approach the end of this term and the Easter break.

All students content to continue testing will be provided with more home testing kits and these will be distributed in their tutorial sessions by their tutor before the end of term on Thursday, 1st April. Students are encouraged to continue testing themselves twice a week (every 3-5 days) and logging their results with the NHS Track and Trace portal during the Easter break.

It is important that if they do test positive that you notify the college immediately via the college COVID-19 reporting email address: covidreport@hsvc.ac.uk.

In addition, we would like students to complete a test the night before or on the morning before they return to college (week commencing 19th April). Home testing will remain in place after Easter as far as we know at this stage and further testing kits will be provided in due course.

I hope that the transition from home learning to face-to-face learning has been positive for your son/ daughter. It has been uplifting to see our campuses springing back to life and we look forward to more positive developments in the next few months. Many thanks for your continued support.

Thank you and kind regards,



Mike Gaston
Principal and CEO