Dear Parents/Carers

Please find below a summary of the messages which we will be sharing with students in tutorials next week.

**COVID messaging**

Students are being constantly reminded about the importance of mask wearing and social distancing where possible.  Following the launch of our “we’re all in this together” campaign, tutors will be issuing home testing kits to students in tutorials / lessons next week. Please support us by encouraging your young person to test twice weekly, report the results to NHS track and trace and also to college by emailing health@nelsongroup.ac.uk

**Behaviour message:**

The college makes every effort to maintain positive relationships with local neighbours and the wider community and is proud of the courtesy and consideration that young people demonstrate both within and on route to our main campuses.   However, there have been some recent instances where the usual standards of behaviour have not been met. We will be reminding students about our code of conduct focus on ‘respect’. It would be helpful if you as parents/carers could  support by having a conversation with your young person about expectations of showing respect when traveling to and from college or visiting local amenities at break and lunch times. This would include not littering, loitering or any other behaviours or language that may cause disruption or offence.

**Careers / UCAS messages**

As our second-year students are nearing the completion of their courses, we will be sharing some important careers/university information:

**Student Finance** - for those students progressing onto Higher Education, it is important to apply for Student Finance support. The recommended deadline for new HE students is 22nd May. Delays to applying can lead to a delay in receiving funds at the start of the year. If you are still waiting for an offer or haven't decided which university to choose, the application can still be made and the institution details can be changed at a later stage.

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/apply>

**UCAS Decisions** - A reminder for students to engage in their UCAS offer decisions and reply deadlines. If they miss their reply deadline then their offer will be declined by default

They need to check **Track to see their personal deadline (see below)**.​

If you receive your last decision on or before **20th May 2021**, your reply date is **10th June 2021** (except if you're using Extra to find a place).

If you receive your last decision on or before **6th July 2021**, your reply date is **14th July 2021** (including Extra choices).

Please refer to the Careers Zone if students need help or support with either of the above.

As always, please take care and stay safe.



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