Dear Parent/Carers

Please find below a summary of the weekly messages which we will be sharing after the half term break with our students during tutorials.  As always, it would be great if you could discuss these with your young person to help us reinforce the key messages.

**COVID-19 messages**

As you know, lateral flow testing has now been in place on the college site for a few weeks and the process is working extremely well.  As we build up to the possibility of students coming back on site from March onwards, we will start to gather consent for those students currently working remotely. After the break, we will be sharing the process of how students can give their consent to be tested.

**Half term reports**

You will shortly be receiving your young person’s progress report for half term 3.  This includes an indication of their current working grade, attitude to learning score and course attendance.  This will be emailed to you and also includes the regular ‘updates’ with key dates, messages and information about their study programmes.  Do look out for this in your inbox.

**National Careers week**

The college will be recognising ‘National careers week’ which is taking place 1-5 March.  There will be a number of live online events that students can book onto plus a focus on careers in curriculum areas.

**Colleges live! Event**

We have signed up to a huge enriching and formative online experience for college students to come together and hear from game changers, innovators, survivors, and risk takers from across the globe. Amid the challenges and uncertainty that we are all facing, students will learn how to overcome obstacles, the importance of teamwork and resilience, with tips and tools to take forward in their own life. This event will take place 2pm to 4pm on the 24th February.  All students are off-timetable that day anyway as it is a college training day for teachers.  Find out more about the impressive range of speakers here: [https://www.collegeslive.co.uk/](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.collegeslive.co.uk%2F&data=04%7C01%7CDonna.Madden%40NelsonGroup.ac.uk%7C8b01474b644746a325c108d8cf6e5c51%7Cec8185ce4f05448b828746c0185766e2%7C0%7C0%7C637487420180676731%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=2OEwn4Vc17MnidW8bRLbRjLn%2BVVYZZ0iNR63wFwfbpE%3D&reserved=0)  and encourage your young person to register book on through the link on MyDay.

**Equality and diversity**

At Nelson and Colne College Group we take equality and diversity very seriously.  This month we are marking LGBT history month.  Why not take a look at our recent blogs on this topic:

NCC: [https://www.nelson.ac.uk/college-blog/lgbt-history-month/](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nelson.ac.uk%2Fcollege-blog%2Flgbt-history-month%2F&data=04%7C01%7CDonna.Madden%40NelsonGroup.ac.uk%7C8b01474b644746a325c108d8cf6e5c51%7Cec8185ce4f05448b828746c0185766e2%7C0%7C0%7C637487420180676731%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=AjvsMQLDeTEyeMoOxbGzjA4diKnyvcMVzz6gVAUnU0c%3D&reserved=0)

ARC: [https://www.accross.ac.uk/blog/february-marks-lgbt-history-month/](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.accross.ac.uk%2Fblog%2Ffebruary-marks-lgbt-history-month%2F&data=04%7C01%7CDonna.Madden%40NelsonGroup.ac.uk%7C8b01474b644746a325c108d8cf6e5c51%7Cec8185ce4f05448b828746c0185766e2%7C0%7C0%7C637487420180686688%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=B7PbhQXdCb2AIGBr4xLliFU2UI6fCWg6YW2XtNW%2BEIk%3D&reserved=0)

Kind regards

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