Dear Parent/Carers

Please find below a summary of the key messages which we have been sharing with students this week.  As always, thank you for your support.  If you have any questions, please do get in touch with your young person’s personal tutor in the first instance.

* Covid messages – We have been thanking students this week for following the rules and helping to keep everyone safe on campus.  We know that it has been tricky adjusting to this new way of life and we wanted to take the time to say thank you for keeping our college safe by wearing masks, washing hands and being mindful of social distancing. There has recently been new government guidance regarding shielding.  If you have any questions about this (or other COVID related questions) please visit our FAQs by clicking [here](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nelson.ac.uk%2Fnews%2Fcoronavirus-advice%2F&data=04%7C01%7CDonna.Madden%40NelsonGroup.ac.uk%7C99ea1b5242cb430f881c08d887e65d74%7Cec8185ce4f05448b828746c0185766e2%7C0%7C0%7C637408770758477118%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=s243j7FokrWxuWKdpVwJLE5wsKeSUCjXmNXzKtqE1J4%3D&reserved=0).
* Our IT team have been busy preparing hundreds of new lap tops to be distributed on a loan basis to students who need them to participate in remote learning from home.  All students who have identified themselves as needing IT equipment should check their email as they are being invited into college at a specific appointment slot to collect it.  If students need any IT equipment and are eligible for the college bursary, please contact studentservices@nelsongroup.ac.uk stating the student name and equipment requirements.
* If your young person is studying Maths and English as part of their study programme, please help us to reinforce the message that attendance is both fundamentally important and compulsory. It is our belief that having a grade 4 or above in maths and English are the most important qualifications a student can have; it’s difficult to progress beyond college without them.

Kind Regards



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