Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you had a lovely Easter break. We are delighted at college that almost all learners are on-site full time. Attendance is crucial to enable our students to catch up, prepare for end of year assessments and develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours they will need for their next steps. Please find below the key messages which we will be sharing with our students during tutorial next week:

**Home Testing**

We are grateful for your support in promoting the importance of regular home Covid testing to your young person. We are pleased to report that all of the tests completed on site before the Easter break returned a negative result. Now that most students have returned to learning on-site, regular testing is extremely important.

These are the messages we will be sharing with students:

* How-to leaflet on testing and useful video:
* [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYlVg7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fplaylist%3Flist%3DPLvaBZskxS7tzQYlVg7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ&data=04%7C01%7CDonna.Madden%40NelsonGroup.ac.uk%7Cb1e52e6011c44228144508d900fb247b%7Cec8185ce4f05448b828746c0185766e2%7C0%7C0%7C637541900906119182%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=%2F9GzfaokVtAucPJxdHp8v0VIgFcedqO0CpuvI83Ohfk%3D&reserved=0)
* Students should self-test twice a week, beginning with the night before or morning of their first day of the week in college. E.g. if they are in college on the Monday, they should test on Sunday night or Monday morning.
* All results must be reported to both of the following:
  + NHS ([https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Freport-covid19-result&data=04%7C01%7CDonna.Madden%40NelsonGroup.ac.uk%7Cb1e52e6011c44228144508d900fb247b%7Cec8185ce4f05448b828746c0185766e2%7C0%7C0%7C637541900906119182%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=vTTvrrSivEDifwmfZVveGJYc4BCcT%2FUv1Q8zcVIDwRQ%3D&reserved=0)­) and
  + College ([health@nelsongroup.ac.uk](mailto:health@nelsongroup.ac.uk)) – this information is included in the leaflet given out when students collect their kits.

**Key dates**

Please find below a summary of the key dates for the remainder of the year:

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| **Activity** | **Date** | **Notes/exceptions** |
| Completion date for level 3 vocational year 2 students ***if all required work is completed and submitted*** | 14 May | Students who have not completed the required assessments will not be free to finish the course until this is completed. |
| End of year for all vocational students (except level 3 year 2) | 17 June | Some qualifications that constitute a licence to practise or which require students to demonstrate occupational competence may continue beyond this date |
| Final assessment week for Year 2 A-level students | W/c  17 May | Following this final assessment week, A level year students will make a final “sign off” appointment with their tutor between 24th May and  12th June before they ‘officially’ complete their A levels. |
| End of year for Year 1 A-level students | 23rd June | A level  Year 1 mock exams week beginning Monday 14th June |
| Results day for level 3 qualifications (vocational and A level) | 10 August |  |
| Results day for level 2 qualifications, including GCSE maths and English | 12 August |  |

 Best wishes and stay safe

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