Dear parents and carers

Please find below a summary of our key messages which we are sharing with our students in tutorial next week.

**World Mental Health Day**

This is on 10th October and there will be various ‘pop up’ information and support available this week.  As a college, we understand that positive mental health is very important and if students are struggling, they can get help from their tutors, our college nurse and safeguarding team and/or our online support offer through Togetherall and Kooth, available through the student MyDay tile/app.

**Bursary**

Following on from last week’s email, we are still awaiting for evidence from a number of students who have applied for the college bursary.  Please can you support if this applies to you and provide the evidence for your young person to take to student services.

**Learning to learn**

In tutorials this week, students are continuing to learn about how they learn best.  This week’s theme has been planning for independent study and we are encouraging our learners to plan and manage their time and commitment to college by utilising Outlook calendars effectively.  As students of the college, they automatically get registered to use the Microsoft 365 suite, which includes Outlook, word, excel and powerpoint.

**Other messages for parents and carers:**

**Traffic at the Nelson site**

You may have noticed, if you bring your young person to college, that there are three lots of roadworks near to the college which is making travelling at peak times a little more challenging that usual. Please plan additional time if you drop your young person off at college. Please could you also ensure that you drop your young person off in an appropriate place which does not cause further queues and delays.  Even better if you could drop your young person off at a nearby, less busy, location and ask them to walk the last 5 minutes of the journey.  Thank you for your support.

**Absence text alert**

Now that timetables have been finalised and we have really settled into the college year, we will be switching on our absence text alert facility. This means that if a young person misses a lesson without having contacted the absence line or informed a tutor, you will receive an automatic alert.  Attendance at lessons is the most important factor in students’ achieving so we welcome your support in ensuring all of our students attend all of their lessons.

**The future of Pendle – have your say**

Pendle Council are working with In-Situ and inviting people to have their say on the future of Pendle: **What should Pendle's priorities be?**

They want you to have your say on what the priorities should be over the next few years and what you think needs including in the latest plan.

They are carrying out some  ‘Talkaoke’  sessions taking place on:

1. Monday 3 October, from 6.30pm to 9pm Barnoldswick Civic Hall Ballroom
2. Tuesday 4 October, from 7pm to 9.30pm Unity Wellbeing Centre, Nelson
3. Wednesday 5 October, from 6.30pm to 9pm Colne Town Hall
4. Thursday 6 October, from 6.30pm to 9pm Barley Village Hall
5. Friday 7 October, from 6.30pm to 9pm The Garage, Brierfield

Please attend if you can and have your say.  You can book on here: [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/in-situ-7086038467](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eventbrite.co.uk%2Fo%2Fin-situ-7086038467&data=05%7C01%7CPaul.Gallagher%40NelsonGroup.ac.uk%7C73cc6bbe9335444715ab08daa86e6523%7Cec8185ce4f05448b828746c0185766e2%7C0%7C0%7C638007489335000054%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=2rRxgEuWEaGH8QOM%2FGBFs3%2FVRUeaLhRwpe1Dc%2BwJPas%3D&reserved=0)

Have a lovely weekend.

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