Dear  parents/carers

Apologies for the delay in sending out the weekly email to you all. It’s usually sent on a Friday but due to other commitments that was not possible last week. Please find below a list of key messages.  Please note that the last day of this half term for students is Thursday 2oth October with a standard finish.  We have a teacher training day on Friday.  Half term 2 commences on Monday 31st October

**Student ID badges**

We are noticing that there has been a slight increase in students arriving in college without their ID badge. Please can you support us by checking your young person has theirs before leaving college. It’s a crucial safety mechanism for us to ensure that everyone on site is a registered learners or member of staff. Persistent non-compliance will result in disciplinary action.

**Learn to Learn**

Last week, the focus  for our learn-to-learn was 'Goal Setting' where students have been encouraged to set themselves weekly goals. Goal setting is very important for students both personally and academically, this focus was on on personal goals to help them feel more in control of their time and commitment to study, alongside balancing personal goals. This week the learn to learn focus is on effective note taking, something which students find really challenging. If you have time, why not watch this “top 5 notetaking method” and discuss with your young person?: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E62reQv-NaI](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DE62reQv-NaI&data=05%7C01%7CPaul.Gallagher%40NelsonGroup.ac.uk%7Cf8840ece033b4502860e08dab0502743%7Cec8185ce4f05448b828746c0185766e2%7C0%7C0%7C638016155570722442%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=dahdfOTPkXeJQ58tuqiSgH0IXul0HF92wLvABBMvrG4%3D&reserved=0)

**Higher Education (HE)**

Do you know that we have a significant higher education offer here at college with university centres at both of our campuses. Attached is guide which shows all of our current courses.  There is a HE advice event coming up at our  Accrington campus on **Wednesday 9th November** from 4-7pm if any students would like to come and see the HE centre, get some more information and advice on any courses.  This is especially useful for any of our Level 3 and A level second year students who are considering a university course which is close to home.  Studying for a degree through our college is an option which should certainly be considered as our students can continue with that personal connection as well as enjoy a high quality course.  On a related note, we are holding an online parents information for all level 3 and A level Year 2 parents about the process of applying to university. This will be held on

 Monday 7th November at 6pm. Make a note and more information, including a link to book at place, will follow after the half term break.

**Maths and English GCSE exams**

If your young person is being entered for the GCSE resit exams in Maths and/or English, these are taking place in the week straight after half term and all exams start at 9am.

GCSE English:  Monday 31st October and Wednesday 2nd November

GCSE Maths: Tuesday 1st November and Thursday 3rd November

There is plenty of revision material on Moodle for our students to revise over half term. Please ensure that they attend these exams if they are entered.

**Charity dress-up day**

The student hub have planned a ‘dress up’ day on  Thursday 20.10.22 (characters from book or film) to raise money for floods in Pakistan.   If your young person wants to get involved in this, we are encouraging them to bring in a £1 donation.

That’s all for this half term. There will be no weekly email on Friday as it’s the half term break next week. You will, however, be receiving your young person’s first progress grade and attitude to learning scores via email and the end of the half term break. In the meantime, we hope your young person enjoys their half term break and we look forward to welcoming them back on Monday 31st October.

Best wishes.

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