

29 November 2021

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

### **Ofsted Inspection**

Today the college received notification that the college will undergo a routine Ofsted inspection from **Wednesday 1 December** to **Friday 3 December**. The college has been expecting an inspection for some time now as we are now in our fifth year since opening. A team of 4 inspectors will visit and will carry out the inspection in a number of ways, for example by looking at lessons, talking to students and staff about their experience, and reviewing student work.

We have prepared a short video for students to give a sense of the types of things inspectors will be interested in, and the sort of things they might possibly ask about:

<https://vimeo.com/632118866/51873a535f>

### **Ofsted questionnaires for students, and for parents and carers**

Ofsted welcome the views of students, parents and carers as part of the inspection:

- Students can do this by completing Ofsted's online **student questionnaire**:
- <https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/LearnerView/10196042>
- Parents and carers can do this by completing Ofsted's online **parents and carers questionnaire**:
- <https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ParentCarer/10196042>

Your views are important to Ofsted and will help inspectors understand your experiences of our provision. Please take the time to give your views. Both questionnaires will close at **11am on Thursday 2 December 2021** to give inspectors time to consider the responses.

We are incredibly proud of our students and our staff team, and we wish everyone the very best of luck over the course of this week! Students don't need to do anything different – just continue to work hard, bring fantastic work and folders, use your study time well, and continue to be the friendly, mature students we know and value. We'll let you know how things have gone as soon as we're allowed to.

### **Updated COVID-19 Safety Arrangements**

On Saturday 27 November, the Prime Minister [announced](#) new temporary measures following the emergence of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in the UK.

Please find below further details of the measures introduced for educational settings, which formally come into effect on **Tuesday 30 November**, though we appreciate that many staff and students will choose to implement these changes from today.

### **Face Coverings**

From Tuesday 30 November, government requirements set out that all students, staff and visitors should wear a face covering in communal areas of schools and colleges. This includes corridors, study areas, social and dining areas, the learning resources centre and other areas of college outside of lessons. Students are not required to wear a face covering in lessons.

Students are required to wear face coverings on public transport, this also includes college bus services.

Any students that have an exemption, based on a medical condition we are already aware of, should speak to their Progress Tutors as soon as possible to discuss this further. Where an exemption is approved, students will be provided with a card that they should carry at the back of their lanyard.

College staff will expect students to be wearing face coverings without being reminded, and face coverings should cover both mouth and nose. For any remaining mock exams taking place on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, students must wear face coverings when entering or leaving the exam, but may remove them once seated. Please can we encourage students to drop bags and coats in plenty of time before the exam, to avoid congestion in the changing rooms.

### **College Closure - Friday 3 December**

Just a reminder that New College Doncaster is closed to Year 12 and Year 13 students on Friday 3 December due to an event with students from feeder schools. For students that have timetabled lessons on Friday, teachers will be providing additional work for you to complete independently on Friday.

Yours sincerely,



**Brendon Fletcher**  
**Principal**