

**Riverside
College**
Widnes & Runcorn

**CRANTON
SIXTHFORM
COLLEGE**

**COVID-19
INFORMATION
FOR STUDENTS**

WELCOME TO COLLEGE

ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021



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We know that you will have questions about what College will be like in September. This leaflet will guide you through any changes we have made within College to help students and staff stay safe and give you an understanding of what College will be like.

As well as your safety we are also committed to ensuring that your studies are still as exciting, professional and dynamic as we can make them at this time.

The new term will commence from **Tuesday 8th September 2020**. When you come to enrol in August, you will be given the dates and times to come in for your induction where you will meet your tutors, classmates and be issued your college timetable.



TRAVELLING TO COLLEGE

- We encourage students to walk or cycle to College where possible.
- If you can, limit your use of public transport. If you can't avoid public transport or College buses, please social distance where possible and wear a mask or face covering while travelling into College and dispose of / store it safely.
- Updated bus timetables will be available on the college websites from Monday 17th August, and your bus pass will be issued at enrolment.



HYGIENE AT COLLEGE

College has already put in place enhanced cleaning regimes throughout the day.

You can help by:

- Washing your hands thoroughly for 20 seconds and more often than usual. Also use hand sanitisers when arriving into College and throughout the day.
- Use the same pens, pencils etc. each time. It is a good idea to bring your own with you for all your lessons.
- Using cleaning equipment supplied to wipe your working area including the back of your chair before you sit down and if possible, try to sit in the same seat.
- It is not a requirements however you may choose to wear a face covering at College. Please respect everyone's right to wear a face covering - this is an individual choice.





KEEPING SAFE AT COLLEGE

To help keep students and staff safe and reduce the spread of Covid 19 we have introduced the following:

- A one-way system and stay alert areas throughout the building including separate entrance, exits and stairways.
- New socially distancing room layouts with new rules for different classrooms including, laboratories, workshops, salons and changing facilities.
- Blended timetables with some lessons taking place at college and others online, using Microsoft Teams and SOLAR.
- Students split into smaller groups known as “bubbles” with staggered start, lunch and break times and dedicated areas within the College.

- Handouts and marked work moving to an electronic format where possible to avoid the risk of cross-contamination.

You can help by:

- Maintaining social distancing practices, where possible, within all learning environments including traveling to and from College.
- Making sure you follow all of the one-way systems in College.
- Being on time to all of your lessons.
- Following all of the hygiene and travel advice.
- When possible using your own equipment.
- Wearing your ID badge at all times.



WELLBEING AT COLLEGE

We know that some of you will be feeling worried and anxious at this time, but it's reassuring to know that our Programme Management and Health and Wellbeing team will be there to offer you continued support.

- Please speak to your Personal Tutor, any of your teachers or the Programme Management Team if you have any concerns.





HEALTH

If you or anyone you live with displays symptoms of COVID-19:

- Students should not come into College if you they unwell or if anyone in your household feels unwell. You will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days and get a test. A clear result on a test will allow you to re-enter College before the 14 days.
- Students are all asked to tell someone immediately if they begin to feel unwell while in College.

THE MAIN SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) ARE:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

The Government has issued strict safety guidelines and we have incorporated all of those measures into our plans, which is how the college year will start. In case things change it should be reassuring for you to know that whatever happens you can expect high quality lessons and pastoral support from us. This also means if you become unwell or are asked to self-isolate you won't miss out on lessons.