

## Frequently Asked Questions for Sixth Formers November 2020

- **Why have some of the rules changed in Sixth Form?**
  - Before half term lots of you ended up having to isolate because of a number of positive cases. Last thing that any of us want is for a repeat of this, but the bottom line is, there is no guarantee that it won't happen again. Therefore, we need to put some alternative provision in place to minimise the risk and try to keep you all in school. As I have told you before, at present the government are saying that your exams will happen as normal in the summer, therefore every absence you have will clearly have an impact on your progress. We need to change the rules to help give you all the best chance to succeed. There are new rules regarding time spent in school and the use of communal areas. Please make sure you have read them below.
- **Why do I need to wear my mask in the Study/Café area?**
  - The guidelines from the government state that wearing a face covering at all times indoors is the best way to slow down the spread of coronavirus. We all need to play our part and wear our face coverings in communal areas at all times.
- **Do I need to socially distance?**
  - Yes! As much as you possibly can. Some of you seem to have forgotten that we are in a in the middle of global pandemic – hugging each other and high fiving should not be happening – try to stay at least a metre apart (preferably two) and wear your masks.
- **What do I do now in the study area if I am using a computer?**
  - When you come into the study area it is to study. Simple as. Not socialise. You must wear your mask continually throughout your study period. You should sanitise your hands and collect a wipe from the station at the end of each aisle. Wipe down your keyboard and mouse and put the wipe in the bin. Try to sit spaced out, don't take a computer directly next to someone else, leave one in between. Try to not sit directly opposite someone either, make a sort of zigzag pattern. We are trusting you to follow these guidelines, if this doesn't happen we will have to remove some of the computers or tape off the area. Please follow the rules so this doesn't haven't to happen.
- **When should I come into school?**
  - If you have a lesson 1<sup>st</sup> pd you must come into school at 8.30am as normal and check in with your form tutor. If you do not have a lesson 1<sup>st</sup> pd, there is no requirement to attend form periods and you do not need to attend until your first lesson.
  - Year 13 you must attend all Form Periods UNTIL you have completed and sent off your UCAS application. Once this is done you too can come in for your 1<sup>st</sup> lesson of the day.
  - Otherwise you must attend in plenty of time for your first lesson, if you have a lesson at 10am, arrive for 9.50am, and so on throughout the day.
- **When can I go home?**
  - You can leave school after you last subject lesson of the day. Study periods at the end of the day are to be done at home from now on.
  - If you need to use the facilities at school please speak to Ms Tattum, Dr Alnuamaani or Ms Cotterell to arrange. Staying in school is for working, not for socialising.

- **If I'm not in for my usual form period, how will I get messages etc?**
  - Your form tutors will send out a form group email every morning with any announcements or notices for the day. It is important that you read it and you click "like" on the message to show you have read it and understood. You can also contact your form tutor directly via email with any issues.
- **If I am absent from school what do I do?**
  - If you are absent because you are ill there is no requirement for you to complete the work. However, if you do not feel unwell or you are self-isolating the work set for you on SMHW is compulsory. Your teachers will set you tasks or invite you to Microsoft Teams lessons via your school email. These lessons are not optional, they are COMPULSARY. Your normal lessons will happen if you are self-isolating or not. If for some reason you are unable to attend a lesson you must let your teacher know. If you have issues with technology or are unable to access the lessons as you do not have access to a computer or phone, please let us know as soon as possible. We have access in school to some laptops that can be loaned to students in this situation, so there really shouldn't be any excuse.
- **I normally stay behind after school and use the computers; can I still do this?**
  - You can still stay and use the facilities after school if you are working. This is the key here! Sixth Form needs to be a place for you to work, not to socialise. If you stay behind to see your friends, unfortunately you can no longer do that in the Sixth Form Centre.
- **What about out of school?**
  - The Tier 3 guidelines for Greater Manchester say that you shouldn't be mixing with other households inside and should follow the "Rule of 6" if outside. We know that a very large number of students were playing football together after school and this is not advised. We had to send home a large number of you home to isolate for 14 days because you were socialising in such a large group – this will not only affect your chance of succeeding in the future, it is also against the law and you could be fined by the Police.
- **How long will these conditions stay in place?**
  - At present we feel these rules are the right measures to minimise contact of students. We will follow these as long as we need to so that we can keep you all safe. If there are any further changes or when we feel we can return to our previous arrangements, we will let you know.
- **I'm not sure what this all means for me; can I discuss this with someone?**
  - Of course you can. Please speak to Ms Tattum or Dr Alnuamaani about this, either in person when you get back into school or via email, please send it to [sixthform@trinityhigh.com](mailto:sixthform@trinityhigh.com) as we both get those emails.
  - The important thing is that you don't worry about this. There is a wise old saying that says "this too shall pass" and it will – we just need to be sensible and follow the guidelines in the meantime.

**Ms Tattum**

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