

SK College Group



St Helens College



Dear Student,

As we reach the end of the autumn term, I write to thank you for the hard work and commitment you have shown to your studies this term. We hope you and your family and friends are looking forward to the Christmas holiday.

Christmas Closure

The last day of term is **Tuesday 21st December 2021**. All classes will finish at their normal time, so please ensure you attend all lessons you have on your timetable.

January 2022 Reopening

The College will reopen to all students from **Wednesday 5th January 2022**. We will continue to offer all teaching on a face-to-face basis as per current Government guidance.

We will be monitoring all Government announcements over the Christmas holiday. Please check our Covid-19 website pages via the below links or social media channels, for any changes that may come about as a result of any further Government announcements.

www.sthelens.ac.uk/covid-19

www.knowsleycollege.ac.uk/covid-19

We Are Here to Help!

Coming back to College after the Christmas holidays can sometimes feel challenging, but your future success depends on you having good attendance and punctuality and being committed to your studies.

We are here to support you, so if you have any questions or concerns, you can contact your teacher or progress coach, through Microsoft Teams.

Financial Assistance

Just a reminder that the College has various bursary support funds to assist with any financial hardship you may be facing. If you or your family have experienced a change in their financial circumstances, please contact our Student Bursary Team; financialsupport@sthelens.ac.uk / kccfinancialsupport@knowsleycollege.ac.uk, who can help with the cost of coming to College.

A New Year Treat!

As a welcome back treat in January, we will be issuing vouchers to all students for a **free** hot drink at any of the College's catering outlets.

Staying Safe

The safety of our students and staff remains our principal concern. As per current Government guidance, a few precautions will therefore remain in place to help prevent the spread of Covid-19:

- **Face Coverings**

Face coverings are mandatory in all communal areas (corridors, social spaces, and College catering outlets), unless you are exempt. The College does have a small

supply of face coverings and will continue to issue them in reception areas; however, we would strongly encourage you to obtain your own. Face coverings are also mandatory on College buses and public transport.

- **Testing**

All staff and students in colleges are being asked to complete a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) the **day or morning before they return to college**. Test kits are available for all students to collect from reception desks and libraries at all campuses.

Get Vaccinated...Get Boosted!

Vaccines remain the best defence against Covid-19, helping to protect you and your family from severe illness. Vaccination also makes you less likely to catch the virus and pass it on. All eligible students are therefore encouraged to take up the offer of the vaccine, including boosters.

Have a great holiday and we look forward to seeing you in January.

Best wishes

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