

Lateral Flow Testing (LFT)

As we come to the end of our second week of face-to-face learning at college, students and staff have shown admirable team work and settled into the current 'new normal' in a bid to keep themselves and each other safe.

Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) has been taking place since we resumed face-to-face teaching for all those who have given consent. This aids us in identifying those who are asymptomatic and would otherwise go unnoticed. Whilst many were nervous to receive their first tests, after seeing our range of trained staff and testing stations, students soon began to realise it wasn't all that daunting once they experienced the testing first hand.

Students have begun to receive their home testing kits which they will be required to administer 2 times per week. Should you have any questions or require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the College.



World Water Day



What does water mean to you? World Water Day has been celebrated since 1993, focusing on the importance of freshwater and raising awareness for the 2.2 billion people living without access to safe water. This year's theme is "Valuing Water" and students will be challenged to think of the things they would struggle to do if they didn't have fresh water and ways they can limit their water wastage.

Registration and Consent Form for Lateral Flow Testing

Thank you to all the parents, guardians and carers for taking the time to complete the Registration and Consent Form for Lateral Flow Testing. In order for us to identify asymptomatic positive cases and help keep students and staff safe, we kindly ask those who have not yet done so to complete and submit this form as soon as possible using the attached link: (<https://trhat.co.uk/letter-covidlateraltest/>.)

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World Poetry Day

Sunday 21st March will be observed as World Poetry Day; a day to celebrate the power of poetry and language, whilst recognising its great cultural contribution to society. Please visit (<http://www.desalisstudiocollege.co.uk/99/announcements/announcement/103/announcement/?from=home>) to read a poem that draws on the feelings and emotions experienced by students throughout the lockdown period.

Year 11 Trial Examinations

Trial examinations will take place for all Year 11 students from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th March. As we approach the period of trial examinations, it is vitally important for students to settle into regular and structured home revision to give them the best possible chance of examination success.

Update on Face Masks

As the government has made the wearing of masks compulsory for all students in all lessons, students are required to come to college with a face mask, which is to be worn around the site at all times except outside at break and lunch. As opposed to our previous communications, wearing a face mask is now also mandatory in all lessons, except where the nature of the lesson means a mask is not appropriate, for example, during Physical Education (PE). We strongly suggest that parents, guardians and carers supply their children with at least three masks to carry with them at all times, in case of loss. We recommend the washable cloth masks as opposed to the blue disposable types. The College will not be providing spare masks for students who arrive to college without them.

Coronavirus Self-Testing

Students are currently undergoing coronavirus (COVID-19) tests following their return to college. As such, we have shared some relevant links below so you can familiarise yourself with self-testing for (COVID-19) both, at home and at college.

For instructions on how to test yourself for COVID-19 at home using a self-test rapid antigen test kit, as well as, how to read your result and report it to the NHS, please visit: (<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYIVg7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ>). Please note, individual test kits will vary slightly, so please be sure to check the instruction leaflet in your individual kit.

The BBC have also shared a video on what COVID-19 testing looks like in schools and how schools are preparing for this: (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/education-56247715>).

Additionally, the NHS have issued a 'step-by-step guide for COVID-19 self-testing', with general guidance on how to safely test yourself and report your result: (http://upload.reactcdn.co.uk/rosedale/uploads/document/2_302_covid-19-self-test-instruction-for-use-ifu-guide.pdf).

This will provide yet another layer of reassurance to families and staff, and build on the stringent measures already implemented around the site, including the obligatory requirements for face coverings in all communal areas and in classrooms, to ensure the safest possible return for staff and students alike.

		Week Commencing: Monday 22nd March	
MENU 2			
MONDAY			
Meal Choice 1	Lamb Patty with Mediterranean Vegetables, Pitta Bread and Yoghurt Dip	Halal	
Meal Choice 2	Beef Meatball Pasta Bake	Halal	
Meal Choice 3	Beef Meatball Pasta Bake	Non Halal	
Meal Choice 4	Potato and Cheese Bake	Vegetarian	
Meal Choice 5	Meatballs with Gluten free Pasta	Gluten/Dairy Free	
Vegetables	Cauliflower and Broccoli Florets		
Dessert Choice	Strawberry Mousse with Fresh Strawberries	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts	
TUESDAY			
Meal Choice 1	Breaded Chicken Fillet with Boiled New Potatoes	Halal	
Meal Choice 2	Lamb Koftas with Rice and a Yogurt and Cucumber Dip	Halal	
Meal Choice 3	Lamb Koftas with Rice and a Yogurt and Cucumber Dip	Non Halal	
Meal Choice 4	Creamy Pasta Bake	Vegetarian	
Meal Choice 5	Lamb Patty with Rice	Gluten/Dairy Free	
Vegetables	Peas and White Cabbage		
Dessert Choice	Chocolate Sponge	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts	
WEDNESDAY			
Meal Choice 1	Beef Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti	Halal	
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Carbonara with Spaghetti	Halal	
Meal Choice 3	Chicken Carbonara with Spaghetti	Non Halal	
Meal Choice 4	Quorn Mince Balls in a Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti	Vegetarian	
Meal Choice 5	Baked Jacket Potato with Salad and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free	
Vegetables	Sweetcorn and Green Beans		
Dessert Choice	Fruit Tarts	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts	
THURSDAY			
Meal Choice 1	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy	Halal	
Meal Choice 2	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy	Non Halal	
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Tart	Vegetarian	
Meal Choice 4	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gluten free Gravy	Gluten/Dairy Free	
Vegetables	Roast Carrots and Green Cabbage		
Dessert Choice	Vanilla Cheesecake	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts	
FRIDAY			
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Oven Baked Potato Wedges		
Meal Choice 2	Beef Casserole with Rice	Halal	
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable and Cheese Pasta Bake	Vegetarian	
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free	
Vegetables	Peas and Sweetcorn		
Dessert Choice	Apple Pie	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts	
<i>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day. Homemade Soup of the Day and Baked Jacket Potato with Filling, are available daily</i>			

Quote of the Week

"Every day we have plenty of opportunities to get angry, stressed or offended. But what you're doing when you indulge these negative emotions is giving something outside yourself power over your happiness. You can choose to not let little things upset you." - Joel Osteen

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