



1st December 2020

Changes to Blended Learning Arrangements

The government has stipulated that students who are not self-isolating or ill are to be educated on site, irrespective of infection levels within the local community. As such, we have to inform you that the Department for Education has instructed us to cease our Blended Learning approach.

We are really disappointed that the Department cannot support the carefully considered approach we put into place. Our intention was to protect the health and well-being of our community and to minimise disruption to learning caused by staff and student absence through self-isolating or illness. However, we have no choice but to return to face-to-face sessions for all year groups as of next Monday, 7th December 2020 (except for students who are ill or self-isolating).

May we take this opportunity to thank you all for the tremendous support and encouragement you have given our academy whilst we established our Blended Learning approach. We were delighted with its success in engaging our students in high quality learning and the positive impact this had on attendance, with all year groups achieving above the national average during this period. The work is not wasted because we now have a much more robust system in place should we need to provide remote learning going forward.

Please do not hesitate to contact the academy should you have any questions or concerns about this matter.

Yours sincerely

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