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# NSFC4ME

*The weekly update on college life*



## THE LATEST UPDATE FROM NSFC PRINCIPAL GERARD GARVEY

*Increased clarity and flexibility will help  
our Autumn term planning*



## LOOKING FORWARD TO FACE TO FACE MEETINGS

I am sure that many of you will have seen yesterday's announcement from the Secretary of State for Education about the planned wider reopening of schools and colleges in September. We welcome the clarity and increased flexibility of the government guidance, and are incorporating it into our planning for the new term. We will communicate our detailed plans in August to ensure we have a really purposeful start to the new academic year. I want to reassure you that the safety of students and staff will remain our overriding concern.

More immediately, we are very pleased to be welcoming so many first year A Level students into college for their Progress Review Appointments next week. These compulsory 30 minute sessions are a really good opportunity for face to face support with a teacher. Feedback from students attending the supported sessions over the last couple of weeks has been very positive, with many saying that the chance to speak to a teacher face to face has helped build their confidence with what to focus on over the summer. When students come in for their Progress Review Appointments there are also opportunities to borrow books from the library and collect additional resources. More detailed guidance on coming in for the appointments is included in the newsletter, and a 'welcome back' video can be watched [here](#).

A few telephone appointments are still available for any student unable to attend, for example if you are currently self isolating. Please email [NSFCOffice@newcastlesfc.ac.uk](mailto:NSFCOffice@newcastlesfc.ac.uk) to arrange this.

Yours faithfully,

Gerard

# PROGRESS REVIEWS COMING BACK TO COLLEGE

For many of you, next week will be the first time you have been in college since the end of March. We have prepared the college and facilities to help you feel safe and confident when you return. We have also produced a video featuring some of our 1st year students which guides you through the steps you should take when coming back and what to expect. Click the image and watch the video.



At the end of your appointment you will follow the one way system and leave through the refectory doors. In the refectory we will have summer tasks and 'what we have covered' documents in many of the subjects.

## **What if I feel unwell with coronavirus symptoms when I am in college?**

You should tell a member of staff, contact your parents and go home and self isolate immediately. You should contact 119 to arrange for a test.

## **What should I do if I'm worried?**

You should speak to a member of staff on the day, or email your teacher/coach/a member of TARGET in advance.

We want you to attend these reviews because they are a vital contact point before everyone takes a well earned break for summer. For many students this will be a chance to speak face to face with your teachers about concerns, and take some time to reflect on what has been an extended period away from the college. We hope that everyone is able to attend and takes advantage of this opportunity.



# LIBRARY INFORMATION

## BOOK RETURNS

**We are asking all Second Year A Level students and Access to Level 3 students to return any Newcastle Sixth Form College library books between the 13th-17th of July 2020, between 10.00am - 3.30pm.**

This is really important so that we are able to have the books available for students to borrow in September. However, if you cannot return your books during this week, there will be further opportunities to do so later in the year.

During this week, there will be a space in the reception area where you can drop off your books and paper slips for you to fill in with your student details. When dropping off your books, please leave them in the space clearly marked with the current date along with your student details slip. To help with this, please remember to bring your own pen to adhere to social distancing guidelines. Full guidance on this and information on what library books you currently have on loan has been sent to you in the post.



**If you are a First Year A Level student, please keep hold of your library books for now; you can use them to keep studying and there will be opportunities to return them later in the year. There is a notice in this week's Personal Development lesson (sent out on Monday 29th of June) about this.**

Thank you for looking after your library books and returning them so that they may be used by other students.

If you have any questions, please email these to: [NSFCOffice@newcastlesfc.ac.uk](mailto:NSFCOffice@newcastlesfc.ac.uk)

# ONE MINUTE INTERVIEWS

*We ask NSFC staff three quick questions to give you a little insight into what makes them tick.....*

**If you could go back to the very start of lock down, what one item would you have taken home from college and why?**

I'd have taken my shoes! In my excitement to take all of my things with me, I left all of my heels under my desk. For those that know me, know I'm now 5 inches shorter outside of the building!

**What has made you feel proud during lockdown?**

I can honestly say, that I am SO proud of Group C3. My personal development group have been so focussed and have maintained such maturity during the lockdown period, and for the majority, their genuine efforts to complete post-18 destinations research has been an example to others. Well done guys.

**With summer looming, where would be your perfect destination for a 'dream holiday'?**

You may find this strange, but when I was a kid, holidays away meant a caravan trip to Sunderland (Hartlepool if we were lucky!), so I'd sit in a caravan for a piece of nostalgia, listening to the patter of the rain on the roof, and beat my brother at cards while we bet over who would get the 'coffee' Revel.



Saffia Solomon  
Personal Development

**If you could go back to the very start of lock down, what one item would you have taken home from college and why?**

I would have taken my rainbow shaped post it notes. I love having little rainbows stuck everywhere but unfortunately I haven't been able to find any more in the shops so squares will have to do for now.

**What has made you feel proud during lockdown?**

My students - they have been so amazing during lockdown and worked really hard despite the circumstances. I also re-decorated our spare room and turned it into a little office with fairy lights and candles, so working from home is much more enjoyable now.

**With summer looming, where would be your perfect destination for a 'dream holiday'?**

Greece! I have watched Mamma Mia (both 1&2) an unhealthy amount of times during lockdown so I would love to go back to Skiathos to drink all the cocktails and eat all the Gyros.



Kelly Anderson  
Law

**If you could go back to the very start of lock down, what one item would you have taken home from college and why?**

I would have paid the money and taken the charity box full of sweets from the second floor classroom. I miss the flapjacks.

**What has made you feel proud during lockdown?**

I'm proud of my new found ability to juggle working on the laptop with entertaining a (noisy) Jack Russel dog every day.

**With summer looming, where would be your perfect destination for a 'dream holiday'?**

I'd have to go back to Lake Garda in Italy. Hot sun, stunning countryside and delicious food and drink. The opposite to working from home in lockdown!



Peter Groark  
Geography