

NSFC4ME

An update on College life



WELCOME FROM NSFC PRINCIPAL GERARD GARVEY

Working together to ensure a safe and positive environment.



FACE TO FACE TEACHING BRINGS BENEFITS

As the second full week of lessons comes to a close, we are starting to see the real benefits of face to face teaching. From speaking to students, it is clear that they feel increasingly confident in their studies, and in their ability to succeed in their courses. Teachers have reported excellent engagement from students in the new timetable, and I have been impressed by the way the students have responded to the new arrangements in the building.

During the week, we have shared with students and parents our decision to require face coverings in public areas of the building from Monday 21st September. Please see the coronavirus update page of the website [\[LINK\]](#) for more information. I would encourage any student with concerns over this to speak to their coach in the first instance.

Also this week, we have worked closely with Newcastle Council and Public Health England to ensure we have taken the appropriate steps to follow up on 1 member of staff and 2 students who have tested positive for coronavirus. All students and staff identified as close contacts have been informed and are now self isolating. I am pleased that we have been able to stream live lessons to these students from the classroom to allow them to stay on track with the work.

At this stage, no further action is required. Nevertheless, there are things we can all do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Yours faithfully,

Gerard

UCAS AND CAREERS UPDATES

PERSONAL STATEMENT GUIDANCE

We wanted to draw your attention to an interactive, and fully-Teams compatible guide to Personal Statement writing for students.

The guide builds on the framework of recent years, as well as experience drawn from a wide range of universities, to provide a comprehensive guide of how to effectively construct a Personal Statement.

The content mix is comprised of bitesize information chunks, questions and hints to encourage forward thinking, activities, flashcards, embedded videos and links to external resources for you to explore.

For those without internet access, hard copies will also be available for students in the library upon request.

<https://sway.office.com/3XIsSCFWcoCqz8KX?ref=Link>



The Waterline Summit

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd October The week-long event will be hosted online across five days, through a virtual conference centre, including an exhibition hall, auditorium, networking lounge and art exhibition. The online Summit is free to attend and the ideal opportunity to learn more about how the Humber region is working towards a zero-carbon economy and what sustainable careers are in store for our future leaders.

How to access the Summit: Register your place here:

www.thewaterlinesummit2020.vfairs.com

Ensure you choose 'Student' when registering, so that people within the conference know you are a student. You can also fill in your school/ college name when registering. Once you have registered and chosen a password you can login to the portal as and when you like.

The Waterline Summit is live from 9:00am Monday 19th – 5:00pm Friday 23rd – it will then switch to on-demand days. During the live days you will have access to instant chat with both attendees and exhibitors as well as being able to take part in live webinars including Q&A sessions. Once the live days are over, you will still be able to login to the Summit and browse the content, you can still add content to your delegate back for downloading and leave messages for exhibitors to get back to you.

You can access the Summit using a desktop computer, laptop, tablet, or mobile device. The exhibitors of this years summit have been set criteria to meet which includes not only showcasing a sustainable story related to their business but also to include information and downloadable content about skills and careers in sustainability and what careers look like in the future of climate change.

We have also asked exhibitors to include a skills and careers representative to their virtual booths so that students can ask live questions using the chat function or leave a company a message should they wish to.

BURSARY APPLICATIONS

BURSARY APPLICATIONS STILL AVAILABLE

We are still accepting bursary applications, but from Monday 21st September we will be managing new applications by appointment only.

If you would like to apply for a bursary, please click on one of the following links and select an appointment time.

Year 1 Students - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/121359287897>

Year 2 Students - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/121681479581>

Access to Level 3 - GCSE Students - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/121686073321>

All appointments will take place in the college Library.

A Bursary of up to £1200 is available for students living in a household with an income of £28,000 or less, providing appropriate documentary evidence in support of the application can be presented.

The amount of support a student receives is dependent on the miles travelled from home to college. In addition to the household income criteria, students must have a bank account in their own name that can accept BACS payments. Students are also required to maintain attendance levels of 95% or above in every aspect of their study programme.

If you have any questions or queries on financial support, you can contact the Newcastle Sixth Form College Admissions Team on 0191 226 6231 or at enquiries@newcastlesixthformcollege.ac.uk

VIRTUAL PARENTS WELCOME

As we are unable to host a formal Parents Welcome event on site this term, please find below a link to a video presentation which will be online for the next week.

You can watch the Parents Welcome Event presentation by clicking this link:

https://www.newcastlesixthformcollege.ac.uk/key-datesevents/parents-evening_

If you have any questions or require assistance please contact your son/daughters personal development coach.



BURSARY





MASKS ON THE MOVE

Please help fight the spread of COVID19
**You must wear a face covering in all
public spaces around the college.**

FROM MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER, WE REQUIRE ALL STUDENTS
TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN ALL PUBLIC SPACES AROUND
THE COLLEGE. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

