

Important Information for Students and Parents Remote Learning from Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Following the Government announcement on the 18th March 2020 that schools and colleges should close amid the Coronavirus outbreak, Brooklands College will be closed to on-site learning for the majority of students from Friday 20th March. We have already taken measures to protect students' ongoing learning during any closure period and are also looking at ways we can support our more vulnerable students during this time.

To ensure all students maintain their learning by remote means over the coming weeks, learning will take place via Google Classroom, with the support and regular communications from teachers.

Online Learning

Following are the details of how to access all learning through our Google Classroom Virtual Learning Environment;

- All teachers are contactable through isupport@brooklands.ac.uk or through Google classroom. They have prepared work for you in your classroom that can be accessed immediately and will be updated regularly
- If you wish to speak to a teacher for support, please email isupport@brooklands.ac.uk or message your teacher on Google classroom. Your teacher will come back to you and will talk you through setting up a Google Meet if necessary. This is a free video conferencing tool which can be accessed via a smartphone app or via the Google chrome homepage
- The teachers will be monitoring your attendance on Google classroom and how much work you have completed. Once you have logged in to your classroom, click on the box **share with your class** and type your name and post.
- English and maths lessons will be conducted in the same way. We have created a section in your classroom called 'English Home Learning' & 'Maths Home Learning'. There are activities available immediately and will be updated on a regular basis.
- If you do not have access to a computer, there are study packs available from main reception. Please email our administrator Tina Evans on tina.evans@brooklands.ac.uk who will organise the collection or posting of the pack.

Additional Information

It is important you keep up with your college work and your teacher will be in contact with you if they have any concerns.

Students in receipt of Free School Meals will be paid for 3 days each week for term time, during this closure period.

Your Progression Mentor will continue to support you during this period and should you have any pastoral concerns, please contact Joleen.Chong@brooklands.ac.uk

Both the Ashford campuses will be closed during this period.

Government guidance is clear that if at all possible children should be at home during this national closure period.

For those parents working in critical sectors who cannot keep their children safe at home, or for more vulnerable students, education provision for those children will be prioritised. Should parents/guardians believe they are in this category; they should email remote.learning@brooklands.ac.uk and we will contact you directly with the arrangements.

The most important thing is that you and your family remain healthy and happy and please remember, that although you may not be at college physically, you will still have contact with college staff, please contact them if you have any worries or concerns.

Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you back at college.

Yours sincerely,



Christine Ricketts
Principal