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Dear parent/guardian,

I hope that you and your family are keeping safe and well.

We thought that it would be timely and following recent government guidelines, to provide an update to all parents/guardians on the College's response to Covid 19.

At Brooklands College, we have been pleased by how both students and staff are adapting to our new ways of working remotely and believe that in the vast majority of cases this has enabled students to continue to build on their knowledge and to develop their learning.

You will be aware from stories in the press that the government is keen to make sure that school students are not adversely impacted by the current disruption to their studies and are recommending that some students receive limited face to face input during the remainder of the summer term. There is understandably a considerable debate in the press about this issue and guidelines are still being issued. We are currently reviewing all the guidance available to us so that should we return to site, we have the appropriate arrangements in place for the safety and wellbeing of all our students and staff.

There may a small group of students from some of our vocational subjects such as Hair & Beauty, Hospitality, Construction, Motor Vehicle and Electrical Installation who may need to return to site to complete their technical assessments. These will mainly be for students who are currently in Year 12 and we will contact the students concerned at the beginning of June with further details.

You will also have seen the announcement that there will be no examinations this summer and that all students for exam based qualifications such has GCSEs, will be awarded a grade by the awarding body, based on their prior assessments and college work. Further guidance is available on our website under the parent section.

What is clear is that unfortunately it will not be possible for the College to return to normal operations for all students before the summer break and I appreciate that this is a very unsettling time for the whole college community. I would however like to assure you that the health and well-being of our students and staff is at the centre of every decision that we take and will continue to be our first priority.

Thank you for your patience and support during these times, please visit our website to keep updated at www.brooklands.ac.uk, or take a look at BC Vision, our college newsletter which includes competition wins and profiles of our amazing students and how the whole college community has adapted to online learning.

If you have any concerns or queries, please email marketing@brooklands.ac.uk

Yours sincerely,

Christine Ricketts

Principal























