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Dear student,

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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 students 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 you to continue to build on your knowledge and to develop your 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 and guidelines are still being issued.

We are currently reviewing all the guidance available to us. This includes the information that we have now received from the awarding bodies, which has set out what practical work is required from students in Year 12 to be able to complete their qualifications. The areas currently being discussed are: Hair & Beauty, Hospitality, Construction, Motor Vehicle and Electrical Installation. We are therefore currently putting in place appropriate systems to enable this small minority of students who will need to attend the College site, to do so in a safe way, within current government guidelines. We will contact the students this may affect at the beginning of June with further details.

For Year 12's we are also in the process of carrying out a survey and interview to determine your next steps and whether you will be progressing onto the next level of a course at Brooklands College. Please rest assured that if you are progressing onto another course in September, your place is confirmed

All Year 13 students who have completed their course, or are working towards completing, will be given an assessed grade by the awarding body in August.

Unfortunately it will not be possible for the College to return to normal operations before the summer break. I appreciate this is a very unsettling time for the whole college community but would 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.

Well done for keeping so positive during these times, and getting involved with student enrichment week and our social media platforms. We would like to celebrate some very good examples of student work in the latest copy of BC Vision, which you can view [here](#).

Should you have any concerns or queries, please contact your progression mentor who will be able to help.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Ricketts
Principal