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Dear Apprentice,

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 apprentices on the College's response to Covid 19.

At Brooklands College, we have been pleased by how apprentices and staff are adapting to our new ways of working remotely and our assessors are continuing to support and develop your knowledge during this lock-down period, and maintain regular contact throughout this difficult and unusual time.

You will be aware from stories in the press that the government is keen to make sure that students and Apprentices are not adversely impacted by the current disruption to their learning and are recommending that students and apprentices 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.

We are currently reviewing all the guidance available to us. This includes the information that we have received regarding apprentices continuing their training. The areas currently being discussed are: Hair & Beauty, Hospitality, Construction, Engineering, 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 apprentices this may impact shortly in order to discuss next steps for returning to College.

Below is a link to some guidance from the Department of Education which we hope you find useful in answering any questions you may have around your apprenticeship:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-apprenticeship-programme-response/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-apprentices-employers-training-providers-end-point-assessment-organisations-and-external-quality-assurance-pro>

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, apprentices and staff are 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 assessor who will be able to help.

Kind regards

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