

Dear Student,

As you will be aware, there have been various announcements from the Scottish Government recently in regards to further restrictions for Scotland in light of the spread of the new variant of COVID-19.

You would have received a communication prior to the Christmas break confirming that the start of term had been moved to Monday 11 January 2021 and advising that we were preparing to move to arrangements in line with Tier 4 restrictions up until at least 18 January 2021.

However following an announcement from the First Minister on Friday, we can confirm that we will be implementing arrangements in line with Tier 4 restrictions until at least Friday 12 February 2021.

This means that for the coming weeks and for the majority of students, all learning will be delivered online.

There will be some limited exceptions to this such as students required to attend campus for compliance or legislative training, essential teaching that cannot be postponed or those identified as vulnerable in order to ensure their wellbeing. This small number of students will be contacted directly by their Curriculum Team or Business Development Partner to advise of any arrangements.

We have also been advised that we will receive more detailed guidance for the sector from the Scottish Government this week and the College's Senior Management Team will review all arrangements on a weekly basis. We will be in touch with a further update in due course.

Thank you for your support during this challenging time for everyone.

Stay Safe.

All the best,

Dr Ken Thomson OBE

Principal