



17 February 2022

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Year 13 Students

## Year 13 Positive Covid Case

As you will be aware from the College email early this afternoon unfortunately, we do have a 'positive' Covid case amongst our Year 13 Cohort. We do thank the family for informing us at their earliest opportunity and our thoughts are with them as they work through these difficult times.

Given the nature of the Year 13 programme and use of indoor public spaces, such as the Common Room where there is a wide mixing of students. In addition, we understand approximately 30 Year 13 College pupils attended a party at the weekend, which may have been the time and place of Covid exposure.

At this stage, based on the results of our investigation the list below is considered 'Locations of Interest' while the student was onsite earlier this week. With the onset of symptoms, they did not remain at the College.

### Monday 14 February

- Tutor Time – Room L4, present at morning roll call
- P1 & P2 – Room SC23, Y13 Chemistry double period
- Interval – Common Room
- P3 – Room G6, Y13 Geography
- P4 – Room SP4, Y13 Physical Education

### Tuesday 15 February

- Tutor Time – Room L4, present at morning roll call
- P1 & P2 – Room 28, Y13 Mathematics double period

It is difficult for us to clearly define which individual student/s should be considered as either Close or casual contacts. Moving to **Distance Learning** for all Year 13 students is the best way forward to ensure there is no further opportunity for Covid to spread within the Year Group and hopefully this may reduce the anxiety that some students and families may feel.

### Distance Learning

Distance Learning will take effect from tomorrow, **Friday 18 February**. The return of Year 13 to the College will be evaluated in light of further information received in the coming days. At this point in time we cannot determine the date of their return, however, Year 13 will likely be in Distance Learning **for the next 5 to 7 days**. We will communicate directly to the Year 13 families on **Monday** to provide them with the potential return date. This will obviously depend on whether there are any further cases within the Cohort. If your child(ren) does become symptomatic / confirmed Covid case, please inform us as soon as possible.

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Unfortunately, this also means that no Year 13 students may participate in the co-curricular College activities. The Directors of Sport and Performing Arts are reviewing where possible to reschedule affected events/matches. Sadly, Year 13 Peer Support Leaders will not be able to participate in the 1-Day Year 9 'Camp Programme' until they return to the College.

Staff will 'pivot' tomorrow to online lessons for Year 13 and while this is not ideal it is essential to ensure the continuation of their learning.

### **Siblings**

In line with Government guidelines siblings of our Year 13 students should continue to attend the College unless they become unwell.

### **Health and Wellbeing**

Please continue to monitor your child(ren) wellbeing. For your information the link to Covid 19 Symptoms - [Click Here](#)

Should your child(ren) become symptomatic they must be PCR tested and may not return to the College until a negative Covid test result is received. However, under the current Ministry of Health guidelines if your child(ren) remains healthy and is not considered a Close Contact, there is no requirement for them to be tested.

Please do engage with our College Counselling Team and/or your child(ren) Tutor or Head of House if you wish additional support.

We look forward to the return of Year 13 students in the near future.

Yours sincerely,



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