

20<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I sincerely hope that you, your families and those close to you are well.

As we approach the end of the first half-term, I would like to update you on how the start of the year has gone and offer some further information about our plans for after the October half-term.

The new academic year has started very well. Your sons and daughters have really embraced all of the new ways of working and have shown a strong commitment to their studies so far. Our mixture of classroom and home-based learning has been very effective and I am pleased with the high levels of engagement from all of our students. Whilst nothing replaces the full-time classroom experience, there is no doubt that this way of working is prioritising everyone's safety, both at college and in your homes.

I would also like to thank you for the feedback you have given us about our safety protocols, which has been very positive.

### **Half-Term**

Half term is the week of **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October**. During the half-term holiday, our library and computer facilities will be open to all students. We will be open from 10am to 4pm each day and students are able to turn up with no appointment.

### **Online Parent Information**

Some of you have already been given your login details to access our parent system (*Parent ProPortal*) so that you can see various information about the achievement and progress of your son/daughter. The remainder of these login details will be sent out over half term. If we do not have your email address, we would appreciate it if you could email the Progress Tutor of your son or daughter with this information.

Please also remember to check the parent page of our website for up-to-date information about the College, including details of our parental engagement programme - <https://www.jcc.ac.uk/parents-carers/>

### After Half-Term

In order to prioritise the safety of all students and staff at college, we will continue after half-term with our blended learning model, with all students remaining split into the same two groups – P or Q.

We will review this again in December but, until then, the calendar looks like this and we have already explained it to your son or daughter.

<b>Week 1</b> Monday 2nd November	Mon 2 P	Tue 3 P	Wed 4 Q	Thu 5 Q	Fri 6 
<b>Week 2</b> Monday 9th November	Mon 9 P	Tue 10 P	Wed 11 P	Thu 12 P	Fri 13 P
<b>Week 3</b> Monday 16th November	Mon 16 Q	Tue 17 Q	Wed 18 Q	Thu 19 Q	Fri 20 Q
<b>Week 4</b> Monday 23rd November	Mon 23 P	Tue 24 P	Wed 25 P	Thu 26 P	Fri 27 P
<b>Week 5</b> Monday 30th November	Mon 30 Q	Tue 1 Q	Wed 2 Q	Thu 3 Q	Fri 4 Q
<b>Week 6</b> Monday 7th December	Mon 7 P	Tue 8 P	Wed 9 Q	Thu 10 Q	Fri 11 
<b>Week 7</b> Monday 14th December	Mon 14 P	Tue 15 P	Wed 16 Q	Thu 17 Q	Fri 18 

### Attendance

Please remind your sons and daughters that, in order to get their attendance mark during the weeks that they are learning at home, they need to log onto *Google Classroom* **by 10.30am each day**.

As always, if you need anything, please just get in touch with us. If you are taking some out next week, I wish you a very enjoyable half-term break.

Yours sincerely



Tony Day  
Principal