

Dear all,

With the imminent closure of schools and changes to examination arrangements, please note following important information:

- North East Scotland College is continuing remote delivery as far as possible for all students, including School Links pupils and Foundation Apprentices. All pupils have access to a College email account with their Student ID number. If they don't know their Student ID number or password, we can assist them if they contact us by email to schools@nescol.ac.uk
- Pupils are able to communicate with their lecturers, access course materials and submit coursework and assessments through use of Blackboard.
- **Should there be any pupils who may struggle to access resources online to data limitations or access to devices, please liaise with the Schools Liaison team on a case by case basis.**
- For assessment of outstanding practical units, where assessment depends on observation or completion of a practical project, lecturing staff will keep pupils up to date on agreed alternative arrangements as we know them. Communication with awarding bodies continues in this respect.
- We are unable to confirm arrangements at this time for the start of new courses in June 2020 – so for now, once key priorities have been addressed within your school, I would encourage schools to try to submit online applications via the Portal as and when you are able. Applications are now being reviewed, and several courses are already in high demand. We will consider how selection measures will be applied and keep you up to date on that.
- If school staff are to be working from home, it would be helpful for the Schools Liaison team to be updated on the best means of contact with the nominated member of staff in each school, and should that member of staff be unavailable for any reason, to have an alternative point of communication. Could you please provide us with any changes or additions to the details we already hold for your school.
- All Schools Liaison team emails will be being checked at least twice a day and telephone calls to 01224 612020 are on divert to a mobile phone that will be answered during office hours.

Any queries not addressed in this email, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Our thoughts are very much with our pupils, colleagues and partners at this time as we negotiate this experience, stay well and healthy, and we look forward to seeing you in person again soon!

Take care,
Shelley, Emma, Julia, Lynn and Karen

*Kind regards,
Julia*

Julia Smith
Schools Liaison Administrator

Important Information re COVID-19: NESCol campuses are currently closed to students however the Schools Liaison team remain available to answer any queries in relation to School Links programmes. Depending on our personal circumstances, our emails will be checked at least twice a day Monday to Friday. The mailbox schools@nescol.ac.uk will also be monitored daily.

Further information regarding the suspension of face to face teaching and alternative arrangements is available via the NESCol website. www.nescol.ac.uk

If you are a current School Links pupil or Foundation Apprentice, please ensure that you check your College email account and Blackboard every day to keep up to date with assignments and study materials.



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www.nescol.ac.uk/schools

Find out more about Foundation Apprenticeship here!

<http://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses/school-links/foundation-apprenticeships>

Find out more about the College here – film production courtesy of this years 2nd year Creative and Digital Media Foundation Apprentices!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B99JDq-ZZtw&feature=youtu.be>



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