

# Ernest Bevin College and Sixth Form Centre



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Principal: Tracy Dohel

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are keeping safe and are well.

This has been an extraordinary week for everyone. We were planning for mass testing on Monday and by Tuesday we were in a full lockdown and soon after informed that examinations would not go ahead as planned and on Wednesday Channel 4 news arrived at Ernest Bevin and filmed the reaction to all of this with two of our year 11 students. This is a lot to take in for any school community. Of course, it is critical that we follow the advice and guidance of all the COVID measures that have been announced in order to ensure everyone is kept as safe as possible.

## Public Examinations

We know that our students who were intending to take public examinations this year will be disappointed about the government's announcement this week that these exams would not go ahead as planned. We also know that the students, parents and staff affected by this news are left with uncertainty whilst we wait to hear what measures will be put in place to ensure that our students progress to the next stage.

What must remain consistent throughout this time is for all students to continue with their learning and continue to put in their best efforts.

We will be writing to year 11, 12 and 13 separately as more information comes in.

Please see this message from Simon Lebus, the Interim Chief Regulator at Ofqual

*We know that this is a difficult time for students, their parents and carers, teachers and trainers. Our message to students is this: please continue to engage as fully as you can in your education. That will be online for the majority of students, or face-to-face for those students still going in to their school, college or training provider. This will put you in the best position, whatever arrangements are made for your qualifications. It's important that teachers and students can focus on the knowledge and skills needed to equip students to progress to the next stage, whatever form that might take – whether to college, an apprenticeship, university or employment.*

*The way ahead is not straightforward: exams and standardised assessments are the fairest way of determining what a student knows and can do. We need to consider a wide range of qualifications – from A levels and GCSEs to many different vocational and technical qualifications – and the solution won't be the same for all. Following the government's announcement on Monday evening, we also need to consider how alternative arrangements will work for different students, including those who are independent learners. We are discussing alternative arrangements with the Department for Education. We know that many are seeking clarity as soon as possible. We will provide further updates as soon as we can.*

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## Remote Learning

We have adjusted the school day as we no longer need staggered starts for individual year groups. All year groups should attend registration at 9am. Please encourage your child(ren) to attend registration as it will help keep them in the routine and seeing their tutor and friends is good for their wellbeing.

Reminders will be set on CANVAS for all lessons.

- Registration meeting will be via a Teams meeting, linked from Canvas at 9am every day.  
Labelled: Registration [group name].
- Lessons will be taught remotely to the class by the teacher as per the timetable from their usual classroom. Teachers will remain available at the normal lesson time to answer student queries and offer online support. The teacher will teach lessons as per the timetable from college by providing students at home access to the lesson via a Teams meeting, linked in an announcement in the course areas in Canvas.

Labelled: [Year] [Subject] lesson [date] / topic

We have put a summary of our **Remote Teaching and Learning Scenarios** on the dedicated COVID page on the website.

## Website

There is now a pop up on the homepage of our website that will take you directly to all the information regarding our provision during lockdown.

In addition students may enjoy watching some of the educational programmes that will be aired on BBC2 from next Monday. The [Oak National Academy](#) also has some excellent resources that may support your child(ren)'s learning whilst at home.

We will add information to this page as and when but please be aware we do not get national news before anyone else and will respond to any Government announcements as quickly as we can.

## REGULAR REMINDERS

**Wellbeing:** We know that receiving face-to-face education is best for children's mental health and for their educational achievement. If you have any concerns please do contact the college.

The website and student planners contain information about where to get support from [Stem 4](#), [Childline](#), [The Mix](#) and [Kooth](#). We aim to contact every family every two weeks to touch base and check on progress and any support that may be required.

**Vulnerable children and the children of [critical workers](#)** should continue to come to school. Parents who wish to apply for a place for this provision should write to [collegeclosure@ernestbevin.london](mailto:collegeclosure@ernestbevin.london)

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**Free School Meals:** We will provide vouchers to the families of students eligible for free school meals.

## Timings of the day and support

|                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Morning registration | 9.00 to 9.15am         |
| Period 1             | 9.15 to 10.10am        |
| Period 2             | 10.10 to 11.05am       |
| Break                | 11.05 to 11.20am       |
| Period 3             | 11.20 to 12.15pm       |
| Period 4             | 12.15 to 1.10pm        |
| Lunch                | 1.10 to 1.40pm         |
| Period 5             | 1.40 to 2.35pm         |
| Head of Year         |                        |
| Year 7               | Mr W Lee               |
| Year 8               | Mr A Simeone           |
| Year 9               | Mr A Razaq             |
| Year 10              | Mr C Wiseman           |
| Year 11              | Ms A O'Leary           |
| Sixth form           | Ms J Young<br>Mr T Kay |

- If you have general queries then please contact your child's Head of Year via MYED.
- If you have queries specifically about IT, e.g. passwords, logging on etc. please use the helpdesk on the College website: [ernestbevin.london](http://ernestbevin.london)
- If you have queries about not being able to access IT as you do not have the equipment please [contact collegeclosure@ernestbevin.london](mailto:contact_collegeclosure@ernestbevin.london)

Take care and keep safe,

Yours faithfully

Ms Dohel, Principal