

Dear Parent / Carer

Franklin News – April / May 2023

I hope this latest edition of Franklin News finds you well. As we move into the Summer Term there's lots going on here at Franklin with students getting involved in a huge range of activity. You can keep fully up to date though our website and social media at www.franklin.ac.uk.

Last term's Progression Event in particular was a huge success and it was absolutely brilliant to see so many of you in College helping to focus your child's mind on future planning. Exhibitors and speakers were complimentary about how motivated and engaged our students were.

We're increasingly focussed on preparing students for their end of year examinations. It was great to see many students taking advantage of the revision and assignment support workshops we put on over the Easter break. We're planning on offering more of these at half term too.

I hope this latest edition of Franklin News finds you well. The lengthening days as we approach Spring are a welcome sight and, as usual there's lots going on at Franklin that I want to share with you.

This letter includes information on the following:

1. Coronation and bank holidays
2. Support for exam revision and assessment preparation
3. Progress in the Learning Centre and Digital Updates
4. A safeguarding note - Lanyards
5. Changes in Circumstances
6. 'This is Hull' – Progression Event for All first Years on Tuesday 20th June
7. Allied Health – Professionals Programme
8. Unconditional Offers for University (students leaving this year)
9. Level 2 Transition (for students finishing Level 2 programmes this year)

Yours sincerely,



Peter Kennedy
Principal & CEO

The Coronation and Additional Bank Holiday

A Coronation Bank Holiday Monday has been added to the usual Mayday Bank Holiday this year.

This means on Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May the College will be closed. In order to make up some lost time, students who have a lesson on Monday morning (block A) will have their Wednesday afternoon lesson extended on 3rd and 10th May. They will start at the usual time of 1pm, but the class will run up until 4.15pm. Buses will leave later on these days.

We are supporting local celebrations of the Coronation by sponsoring the Street Party organised by the Armed Forces Events Team in Cleethorpes:



Supporting Revision and Assessment Preparation

The "Kick Start Your Revision" campaign was really successful and we're continuing with support under the header "Race to the Finish", with slightly different versions of activities and support for exam preparation and assessment completion. You can see the planned activity timetable through the links at <https://www.franklin.ac.uk/the-college/race-to-the-finish/>, it would be great to discuss these with your child.

We're asking all students to think carefully about their own attendance for each subject & ASPIRE sessions and their most recent effort & progress grades. Please do support us in getting your child to reflect on the progress they are making and, where appropriate, how they are accessing the support and guidance being offered.

In order to fuel young minds, free toast will be available to students for breakfast revision and free fruit throughout the summer exam period. As an added incentive, students can collect stamps from attending revision, support & study skills sessions in order to fill a card which can be used at our Costa Coffee.

A set of revision and support sessions will run in the Spring half term break (week commencing 29 May).

Learning Centre and Digital updates

There's been a slight delay to the new Learning Centre extension. We've been promised this will now be ready in late May. In the meantime, we've set up a temporary Learning Centre and laptop loan area and made other rooms available for independent study and other work.

Our Tech Team are busy upgrading the Wi-Fi. We've noticed some improvements around the College already and are working towards completion of the upgrade alongside completion of the Learning Centre extension.

The whole development will transform Franklin's learning space – we're very excited to see all of it up and running.

An Important Safeguarding Note – Lanyards

We have been made aware that one or two Franklin Students have been 'sharing' their lanyard with friends who are not our students. Please ensure your child is fully aware of how serious this is, and that they know if they were to do such a thing in a work-setting they might well be dismissed. In view of the seriousness, it is important to note here that the College response to this activity is permanent exclusion.

Changes in Circumstances

We know that circumstances can change for students and families, so please do get in touch with us to let us know of changes that we may be able to offer some support with. Possible changes might include: Your child having to undertake 'Young Carer' responsibilities; changes to household income; changes to household members; health concerns etc.

In the first instance, ask your child to speak to their Progress Coach, or for financial issues, to visit the Finance Office.

'This is Hull' – Progression Event for all First Years on 20th June

All Year 1 students will be attending the event taking place at Hull University on 20th June. Feedback from those attending last year was fantastic.

Students will enjoy a range of activities including live music, sampling local food vendors, visiting the sports centre and taking part in various sessions, learning a new skill in the Student Union, taking part in campus treasure hunts and so much more. A part of this experience will help students learn something about University life, but whether or not Higher Education is the planned route, the experience is a great way for students to continue their own personal and professional development and plan for their future.

The Allied Health Academy – Professionals Programme



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Our latest academy programme launches this week.

Allied Health Professions include; Radiographers, Physiotherapists, Paramedics, Occupational Therapists, Speech and Language Therapists and more.

These professionals are much-needed locally, regionally and nationally, so we're working in partnership with Grimsby Hospital, The Care Plus Group, Navigo & the University of Hull to deliver an academy programme that shows participants the roles and requirements.

You can keep up to date on our website with how, through our Centre for Professional Development, we work with Universities, employers and students to support the professional development and progression of Franklin students. To see the huge range of support and opportunities on offer, take a look at the Weekly Careers and Progression News at <https://www.franklin.ac.uk/jobs/download-our-weekly-careers-newsletter/>.

Unconditional offers - the importance of continuing to aim high and maximise grades.

Some students have received unconditional offers from some universities. Whilst this is exciting for students who are being offered a guaranteed place on a course and can be a confidence boost, the importance of still aiming high and maximising potential cannot be underestimated. The grades that students get on their level 3 subjects not only provide access to university but can impact on future employment in a highly competitive graduate market. Please support your child in carrying on working and being motivated as if they had a conditional place.

Level 2 transition programme

Throughout June, after Level 2 vocational courses and GCSE exams have finished, the transition programme will start to ensure students are ready for their next steps within Franklin. There will be a variety of masterclasses, outdoor events and rewards on offer to recognise and show appreciation of the hard work and progress that our Level 2 students have made. Attendance is crucial and will be expected as part of the application process onto Level 3 courses.