

Franklin News – June/July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

We're now fully into the exams season. For those of you involved in supporting young people with that it can be a testing time. We have in place a wide range of support activities and encourage students to engage with these to help them prepare and work through this period. The link here to the Thrive newsletter is worth a look:

<https://www.franklin.ac.uk/media/4258/parent-wellbeing-newsletter-march-2023.pdf>

As usual, you can keep fully up to date with everything going on at the College through our website and social media at <https://www.franklin.ac.uk/>. The big event this term is the This is Hull visit on 20 June. The event last year received exceptional feedback both from students wanting to progress to higher education as well as those less clear about the options.

I wanted to share some other key information with you before the end of the academic year. This is a critical time of challenges for those students who are leaving us, and of reflection and future planning for those who are wanting to return to Franklin in September.

Our Careers and Progression Newsletter is updated weekly and available on the website. This is a great source of information for all things progression related and for students both current and leaving us this year. It can be found at <https://www.franklin.ac.uk/jobs/download-our-weekly-careers-newsletter/>, with information about booking careers support appointments.

This letter includes information on the following:

1. Summer Examination Period
2. Reflecting on the year
3. Changes to our Financial Support thresholds
4. Progress in the Learning Centre
5. Our growing College is looking for new staff!!

Summer Examinations Period

Examinations run through this half term right up until Wednesday 28 June and include GCSEs, A' levels and a number of vocational course examination sittings.

It's important to note that the **Exam Boards have asked us to clarify that all candidates for exams need to remain available** until Wednesday 28 June should any examination need to be rescheduled for any reason.

Students have been asked to complete exam readiness work and double-check the days and times of their examinations on their student portal. We also ask all students to be supportive of each other, for example by keeping the noise down around the campus, especially around examination rooms. It is quite natural that students taking exams are a little more anxious, and it is great to see that the wide range of wellbeing and exam prep sessions that have been put in place have been really well attended.

Classes and a range of support activity will continue, and we expect our leaving students to be in subject classes until their examinations in that subject are completed.

More information about all of the exams, procedures and regulations can be found here: <https://www.franklin.ac.uk/student-life/exams-information/>

Reflecting on the Year – Progress Point 6 (PI6) Assessments and Reviews

For students planning on returning to College for the next academic year, a year-end reflection and review is taking place. Students will be guided through a personal consideration of their progress, along with the attendance and effort grades. In discussions with their teachers, they'll be able to plan for making next year even better!

For our Level 2 students looking to progress in College next year, the reflections are extended with a bridging programme of activities to help the transition move smoothly. Information about this programme was shared in the last newsletter. For an update on your child's progress or to discuss any concerns please feel free to contact their Progress Coach who can provide information, advice and guidance.

Changes to our Financial Support thresholds

Students have been made aware of important changes we are making to our financial support system to reflect the rising costs of living. The total household income threshold has been raised from £28,000 to £36,000. Any family who has less than £36,000 total household income can apply to the fund; applications are open throughout the year so please consider if you may now be eligible to receive support and contact the Finance Team in College if you wish to either check or apply.

The Bridge (formerly known as the Learning Centre) and Digital Updates

I am pleased to tell you that the College Wi-Fi has now been upgraded!

Our newly extended Learning Centre (The Bridge) is also completed, and following final checks will be open to students from Monday 12 June.

Create Amazing Futures – Job Vacancies at Franklin Sixth Form College

Franklin Sixth Form College is a great place to work, but don't just take our word for it, come and join us to find out for yourself!

Our staff are passionate and committed to achieving the very best outcomes for our students. We believe it is through our people that an excellent student experience will be delivered, and this, in turn will have a positive impact on our local community. Our College vision and values ensure that we always put our students first and consider our staff to be our greatest asset.

It's a very challenging jobs market at the moment so finding high quality candidates for our teaching and support staff vacancies can be tough sometimes. We are looking to widen our recruitment pool in the hope that this might help us find the right talent to fill our exciting job opportunities as the College continues to grow.

We have a number of exciting job vacancies at the moment including:

- Teachers of Science (including Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Applied Sciences and Engineering)
- HR Officer
- HR & Payroll Assistant
- Specialist Learning Support Assistant (Adult Learning)
- Maths Tutor (Adult Learning)

To view our current openings please go to <https://www.fejobs.com/careers/franklin/>.

We offer our staff a range of competitive staff benefits including a generous annual leave scheme with additional paid College closure days, two excellent Pension Schemes (Teachers' Pension Scheme and Local Government Pension Scheme), FREE gym facilities, FREE parking, a Cycle to Work Scheme, a fantastic on-site catering provision and many more.