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Date: 12th December 2020

Dear Learners, Parents/Carers,

Ref: Merry Christmas

It is always nice at this time of year to thank everyone for their support through the year and to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. This year has been the most challenging of years and everyone's contribution towards our delivery and the learners' progress cannot be underestimated and has been most appreciated.

This week learners have enjoyed Christmas 2020 Ridge style, with some fabulous design and art work on their Christmas T-Shirts, a very competitive cricket match that the staff won but all learners enjoyed their prizes. Wayne won our Sponsor the Elf competition and was our Bingo caller in the virtual coffee/bingo event and there were some great prizes won on the raffle. Thank you to everyone who donated gifts for the raffle. The virtual panto 'Jack and the Beanstalk' was enjoyed by everyone as well and we all enjoyed the Christmas party and seeing each other from a distance with Bev-ridge café doing a great job providing our Christmas lunch. Pictures of the week will be uploaded to the website shortly for everyone to see.

December is the period of Advent and we chose this year to support a local charity in Doncaster that is in keeping with the past year's events, to help celebrate the lives of people who may not be with us this Christmas and to support the local NHS. We sponsored the 'Doncaster Stars' appeal and our star is on the front of Doncaster Women's Hospital, we managed to raise in December:

**£1196.12 Thank you everyone who supported us**

The college has now closed to learners who will return in January, Hub 2&3 on 4<sup>th</sup> January and HUB 1 on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021, new timetables have already been released.

The latest news from the Government regarding Covid 19 is that Doncaster remains in Tier 3 and we do have a confirmed case of Covid 19 in the college. The learner is being looked after now at home by his family and I know we all wish him a speedy recovery. This does mean we have all of HUB 2 learners and staff in isolation until Christmas Eve. We are required to monitor any cases over the Christmas holidays of symptoms or tests - positive or negative for Public Health England. I would be grateful if everyone could call me on 07950389874 to report any instances of symptoms or test activity in learners and the immediate family.

Everyone is required to complete a pre-return declaration by 3pm Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January to confirm learners and staff are well and fit to return to college on their return date. The form is attached. This should be emailed to [mel@theridgecollege.co.uk](mailto:mel@theridgecollege.co.uk) and in the event of any technical issues, a call should be made to me to confirm transport arrives as detailed in the

learner's timetable on the first morning they are due to be collected. This action is being taken to safeguard the college and keep everyone safe.

We will still be delivering teaching in our HUB structures on our return in line with current guidance and I am aware further information is expected from the Department for Education around the testing of learners and staff in the new year. I will share this information as soon as possible.

I will continue to monitor situations that impact the college and email and text will continue to be used to communicate information to you to ensure everyone has the latest information as quickly as possible. My letters to the college community will also continue to be released to you via the website and email as events dictate.

The HUBs will continue to communicate on our return day to day news to keep you informed of developments in the HUBs, if you have any queries please contact your HUB lead, or Mel at any time.

Melanie Atkin, Head of College - 07950389874

The college offices will remain closed to visitors in the new year. Reception is open for any general queries by calling 01302 897445 from 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 8.30 am.

Please continue to work together to stay safe over the Christmas holidays and thank you for your continued support at this time. I hope everyone does have a very merry Christmas.

Best wishes

Mel

Melanie Atkin  
Head of College  
Director