



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This year has been challenging for everyone, but we are impressed with the way the majority of our students are coming in every day and getting on with their learning. We have been committed to delivering a full curriculum for our students, whilst following public health guidance that all schools have been given.

We were really pleased to be visited by a small team from St Giles Trust and Connect Futures, who delivered the BRAVE Workshop for our students. BRAVE aims to help young people understand the risks of being exploited or groomed by groups such as criminal gangs or those with extremist views, and to help young people build resilience. They had some hard hitting stories and we really appreciated the honesty and wisdom they brought.



We also ran some first aid training, with students learning simple ways to bandage a wound, as well as learning the most up to date way to delivery CPR safely with ONLY chest compressions. This coincided with National Restart a Heart Day on Friday 16th October! Students were each able to work on their own CPR dummy provided by the British Heart Foundation.

Student Parent Review Day - Wed 11th November

Given the current guidance to stay home apart from for essential reasons, we have decided to offer phone / video calls instead of our usual face to face review day. Your child's Pastoral Lead will arrange a phone/video conference for you to communicate with some of your child's teachers. You will have received a report with this newsletter which gives some information on how your child is doing this term, as well as ways that they can do even better. Please take a few minutes to read this before your phone call.

Please turn over for some important information for Year 11s about Transition to Post 16, as well as an introduction to our online learning resource for all students, EdLounge.

Best wishes

Martin Nirsimloo, Principal



Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a **parent governor** to join the governing body. Please speak to us on Student Review Day if you are interested in finding out more.



Key Dates

End of term: Friday 18th December

Christmas break: Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January 2021

INSET (no students): Monday 4th January 2021

Spring term start: Tuesday 5th January 2021

Half Term: Monday 15th - Friday 19th February 2021

Safeguarding at South Quay College



The Designated Safeguarding Officer for South Quay College is Randy Ashie, Pastoral Manager who can be contacted specifically regarding safeguarding concerns.

Learning from Home



We have joined a platform called EdLounge, which will allow all our students to access work online from home. This means that students can complete homework and revision, but also, it means that if we are required to close the school in the coming months, students will still be able to access lesson materials to continue their learning online.

Students have been shown how to log into the site with their Username and Password.

Included with this newsletter, is more information about how your child can use this online resource. If you have any other questions about this, please ask your child's PL.

Careers Education, Information, Advice & Guidance (CEIAG)

Year 11 students will be making some decisions about what they would like to do when they leave school. There are several options, such as college courses and apprenticeships. The government advises all students to remain in some form of education or training **until they are 18**, as this increases their chances of gaining the skills and qualifications they need to succeed in the world of work later on. Please see the Year 11 Careers Pack for more information.

Each student in Year 11 will have the chance to:

- receive 1:1 support and guidance from a trained, independent Careers Advisor - currently this will happen remotely via Google Teams and be supervised by South Quay College staff.
- receive additional support and sessions from trained staff in college to support their careers planning.
- interact with professionals and training providers to learn about careers and training options (currently done remotely)
- (when the situation improves) visit a relevant workplace to gain more insights into employment.