Chief Executive Officer: Richard Fletcher

Principal: Vicky Marks
New College Pontefract, Park Lane, Pontefract, WF8 4QR
(01977) 702139
www.ncpontefract.ac.uk
info@ncpontefract.ac.uk

October 2022

Dear parents and carers,

As students are settling in to year 13, I am writing with some important messages about the weeks and months ahead, and please note that this, and all general letters can also be found on our website.
https://ncpontefract.ac.uk/letters/

Cedar
As many of you are no doubt aware, Cedar is a great way to keep track of students' progress and attendance at college, and also allows you to email teachers. If you haven't created an account, please use this link to do so. You will need a next of kin email address that we have on file and the student's reference number that starts with L00.
https://cedar.ncpontefract.ac.uk/auth/account/create

Exams and assessments
The vast majority of students will be sitting external exams in year 13 and some will also have resits. Some of these are as early as January 2023, and some are in May/June. Please be aware that external exams cannot be rescheduled and are a compulsory part of the course. Missing an exam will almost certainly result in failing the course unless there are significant mitigating circumstances, and I would therefore urge you to look carefully at the list of applied general exams on page 2/3 of this letter. This list is provisional based on the plans for each subject as things stand, and only includes the winter series as the summer dates have not yet been released. Please assume that there could well be a summer exam for applied general subjects such as BTECs, but students will be informed by their teachers.

For A level subjects, the awarding bodies have not released the dates for summer of 2023 at the time of writing, but in 2022 the exams started in early May and ran up to the end of June. It has recently been confirmed that a similar time period will be used in 2023. We will support students with revision in college, including a 10-week revision countdown with weekly advice and reminders. There will also be internal mock exams in November and March in order to prepare students for the experience of an external exam.

Next Steps
Students are currently being supported with decisions and processes relating to their progression to university, apprenticeships or employment. The majority of our students progress to university or other higher education. However, many are convinced at an early stage that university is 'not for them' and whilst we support them with all positive destinations, we would urge them to explore *all* their options and visit universities. For a small fee, an application can be submitted to UCAS so that students retain the option to go to university even if they have doubts. Lots of students make very late applications because of a change of heart, and I would encourage all to keep this door open until after their results next summer. Have a look at the UCAS website for information about funding for university (undergraduate) courses including Disabled Students Allowance, how to apply for Student Finance and short videos to answer common questions. https://www.ucas.com/sfe

Work experience and volunteering
In order to support students with their next steps after education, we are providing opportunities to engage with employers in college as well as encouraging them to visit workplaces as a volunteer or for work

experience. Even half a day in a place of work can help with employability skills and decision making, so we are asking all parents and carers to consider whether their place of employment may be able to accommodate students even for a short visit. If you think are able to help, please complete this brief expression of interest, and thank you in advance.

Attendance and Holidays

Holidays taken during term time cannot be authorised and can have a significant impact on academic progress. In some cases, where attendance is already low, holiday absence will result in escalation of intervention levels. Please support the college in trying to ensure that missed learning is minimised and refer to the term dates and exam timetables when booking holidays.
https://ncpontefract.ac.uk/term-key-dates/

Yours sincerely,

Vicky Marks

Principal, New College Pontefract

BTEC January 2023 Exams

Qualification	First Entry or resit	Exam Title	Exam Date
Art and Design (Photography) Extended Certificate	Resit	Critical and Contextual Studies	3 hours supervised Part A - PM 05/01/23 3.5 hour exam Part B - 11/01/23
Business	Resit	Developing a Marketing Campaign	12 Jan 23 AM
Business Diploma	1st Entry	Personal and Business Finance	17 Jan 23 AM
Business Diploma	1st Entry	Principles of Management	16 Jan 23 AM
Business Extended Certificate	1st Entry	Personal and Business Finance	17 Jan 23 AM
Business Extended Diploma	1st Entry	Personal and Business Finance	17 Jan 23 AM
Business Extended Diploma	1st Entry	Business Decision Making	19 Jan 23 AM
Creative Digital Media Production Extended Certificate	Resit	Media Representations	20 Jan 22 AM
Creative Digital Media Production Extended Certificate	1st Entry	Responding to a Commission	12 Jan AM and PM and 13 Jan AM and PM
Health & Social Care	Resit	Working in Health and Social Care	16 Jan 23 AM

Health & Social Care Extended Diploma	1st Entry	Anatomy and Physiology for H&SC	19 Jan 23 AM
Law (Applied)	Resit	Dispute Solving in Civil Law	12 Jan 23 AM
Law (Applied) Extended Certificate	1st Entry	Applying the Law	16 Jan 23 AM
Music Performance Extended Certificate	Resit	Professional Practice in Music Industry	19 Jan 23 AM and 20 Jan 23 AM
Psychology (Applied) Extended Certificate	1st Entry	Health Psychology	19 Jan 23 PM
Science (Applied)	Resit	Principles and Applications of Science	17 Jan 23 PM, 18 Jan 23 AM and 18 Jan 23 PM
Sport	Resit	Anatomy and Physiology	13 Jan 23 AM
Sport	Resit	Fitness Training and Programming	11 Jan 23 AM
Sport Diploma	1st Entry	Investigating Business in Sport	16 Jan 23 AM
Sport Extended Certificate	1st Entry	Fitness Training and Programming	11 Jan 23 AM
Sport Extended Diploma	1st Entry	Investigating Business in Sport	16 Jan 23 AM
Sport Extended Diploma	1st Entry	Development and Provision of Sport	18 Jan 23 AM
Uniformed Protective Services	Resit	Behaviour and Discipline in the UPS	13 Jan 23 AM
Uniformed Protective Services Extended Diploma	1st Entry	Government and the Protective Services	11 Jan 23 PM

Cambridge Tech January Exams

Extended Diploma IT	Resit	Fundamentals of IT	9 Jan 23 AM
Diploma IT	Resit	Fundamentals of IT	9 Jan 23 AM
Introductory Diploma IT	Resit	Fundamentals of IT	9 Jan 23 AM
Introductory Diploma IT	Resit	Global Information	11 Jan 23 PM
Extended Diploma IT	Resit	Cyber Security	16 Jan 23 AM
Diploma IT	Resit	Cyber Security	16 Jan 23 AM
Extended Diploma IT	Resit	Cloud Technology	18 Jan 23 AM