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Dear Parent / Guardian

Earlier today the Department of Children, Young People, Education and Skills (CYPES) shared with us some links regarding the return to college (and schools) on Monday.

Please see the links below, which include yesterday's statement from the Education Minister, a list of FAQs & answers, and the latest letter from STAC (Scientific and Technical Advisory Cell) to the Education Minister.

- Statement from the Education Minister: <https://www.gov.je/News/2021/Pages/EducationMinisterStatement5Jan.aspx>
- Health Advice on the Reopening of Schools Letter from Scientific and Technical, Advisory Cell (STAC) to the Education Minister: <https://bit.ly/35dUcvp>
- FAQs: <https://bit.ly/35he9kZ>

We are in regular communication with colleagues on-Island and in the UK to ensure that our students can complete their education with the least amount of disruption, while still following the latest public health advice.

As at today, Wednesday 6 January, the advice given is that schools and colleges should reopen as planned on Monday 11 January. Please be reassured that the situation is being closely monitored and should the advice change, we will contact you immediately.

Please remember to book your son or daughter in for a CV-19 test, if you have not done so already; appointments can be made by telephoning the helpline on 445566.

January sittings of exams for BTECs and IGCSEs are going ahead in Jersey schools and colleges, including Highlands College. For some, these examinations started today. The attendance in our college has been excellent; well done to all involved and thank you for your fantastic support.

Details about ongoing support relating to wider exams and assessment will follow once the UK government has issued the guidance. Please be assured, we will ensure our students are not disadvantaged by the changes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the college on 608608 or email info@highlands.ac.uk where your feedback/query will be directed to the appropriate department: Adult and Community Education, Apprenticeships, 6th form, University College Jersey, or Professional Studies.

Meanwhile, we very much look forward to welcoming your son/daughter back to Highlands College next week.

Yours sincerely,

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