

How do I learn when I cannot come to college?

What is Online Learning and Blended Learning?



You all have a college email account and Office 365, so please check your college emails regularly in addition to the College Website. You can access your programme Moodle pages through the NPTC Group Website <https://www.nptcgroup.ac.uk/> or <https://www.nptcgroup.ac.uk/student-zone/in-college/student-portal/>

Online learning is a term used for learning directly from your computer instead of in a classroom with your tutor. This is not a new way of working and many of you will have been using Moodle in class and for assignments. This type of learning enables you to work from home at your own pace. All the materials you need to assist you are available on your programme Moodle pages.

Your tutors have planned and uploaded work for you to complete during this time away from college and this be regularly updated as we progress. If you are not able to complete electronically, we will accept hand written work, we are currently organising collection points.

It is very important that you engage with your Moodle online and Elearning activities and resources, which have been planned, prepared and uploaded by your tutors. The assignments, projects, tests and support resources are there to help you learn new knowledge and skills in a very different way to your usual learning.

Will my teacher be there to help me if I am stuck?

You will be able to contact your tutor using your college email or Moodle. If you do not know your tutor's, email address it is usually teachers: name.surname@nptcgroup.ac.uk

Tutors are in the process of creating programme or class Microsoft TEAMS – Like WhatsApp only through the College, providing a safer virtual environment, the activities available include discussions sessions similar to chat rooms; uploaded specific documents for your group and group video conferencing organised by your tutor. You will be invited to join your TEAM.

You can post a question on TEAMS and the tutor will have notification of your communication. We are organising teachers into small groups so there

should always be one person to deal with your query. Tutors will come back to you as soon as possible.

How might my exams be graded?

By now you will have heard there will be no exams this summer; however, at this time we do not fully understand how qualifications/grades will be awarded. The College is regularly monitoring and following Welsh Government, the Joint Council for Qualifications and Qualifications Wales guidelines.

The information from Awarding Bodies, including Pearson, BTEC, AHE, VTCT and WJEC indicates that in many instances, your final grades may be based on evidence of work including:

- Samples of your work - assignments, reports, workbooks and online tests
- Previous test and exam results
- Predicted grades, in particular AS and A2 students will have ALPs target grades and should be working towards them.
- Photographs of work for Art & Design and videos of practical or physical work you have produced, can be uploaded for marking through Moodle or One Note.

How will the teacher know my work is authentic? (Presenting your work for marking):

You must on any work put your full name, student ID number and date – this will help to show the work is authentic and your own.

- If you are completing research for an assignment and you have used resources such as the internet, eBooks or magazines you will need to reference these – information is available on the **Library page on Moodle** <https://moodle.nptcgroup.ac.uk/enrol/index.php?id=1644> There is a massive amount of information available to support and guide you.
- It is important to ensure you do not plagiarise (copy) other peoples work. If you are able to use Turnitin via Moodle, please do so as any work copied without referencing will be seen as plagiarism and potentially disqualified.
https://moodle.nptcgroup.ac.uk/pluginfile.php/1160275/mod_resource/content/1/Submitting%20a%20paper%20in%20Turnitin.pdf

- Please ensure you save your work, as it could be required for sampling at a later stage by the Awarding Body.
- The work you produce now maybe needed as proof of your capabilities for an interview for University or potential employment.

Teachers will be able to monitor your use of Moodle and assess your work online so please ensure you check in and use the information and activities provided regularly. Teachers will mark and return work as promptly as possible with supportive feedback and further guidance.