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Contextual Information for Higher Education Providers (2021)

COVID-19 implications for current cohort (2020-22)

The current Year 13 cohort have had interruptions to their learning in both Year 11 and Year 12. The cohort's Year 11 GCSE exams were cancelled after the first national lockdown in the spring of 2020. During this time, staff were required to upload online work and resources for students to enable remote learning. Resources included narrated PowerPoints and exam questions and equated to approximately 3 hours of work per week. The cohort then began Year 12 with face-to-face lessons although the school guidelines suggested that teaching staff remained at the front of the classroom and movement around the room limited to a minimum. The school returned to online lessons in January of 2021 when the country entered another period of lockdown and school closures. Students continued to follow their normal timetable and all of their scheduled lessons took place online. Teachers were attempting to follow the normal schemes of work and continued to teach the 'normal' lessons wherever possible. Students returned to school in March and face to face lessons began again. Students sat their exams at the end of the academic year, and these were used as the main basis for the UCAS predicted grades. Since September 2021 students have returned to a normal timetable with the vast majority of in-school restrictions now lifted. Students who return positive COVID tests still need to isolate. Staff put all resources online for students who are having to isolate.

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