



Learning Safely

STUDENT NEWS

JANUARY 2021

COVID UPDATE: The most recent Government guidance means that we will not be holding any classes on site until the February half term with classes online until then at least. This will be reviewed at the half term. When further guidance is received we will alert all students as soon as possible.

Thank you for your kind understanding and continued support of Sutton College during these exceptional times. We look forward to the day that we are able to open our doors again to our valued learners.

Congratulations!

Sutton College is very proud that our Principal, Dipa Ganguli is on the New Year 2021 Honours List and will be receiving an OBE.

Read more: <http://bit.ly/2KO01IR>



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CHARITY RAFFLE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Sutton College are organising a charity raffle in aid of Cancer Research where donations mean entries into a draw.

We have some great prizes lined up already but if you have contacts in any organisations that may be willing to donate a prize, please contact marketing@suttoncollege.ac.uk

Keep an eye on our social media for more details!

Message from the Principal

Dear Learners

Thank you for making the choice to come to Sutton College. When Government advice allows, we are prepared and Covid secure to welcome you back on site, but in the meantime, I hope you are enjoying your on-line classes.

If you are on a course leading to an exam this Summer, you may be disappointed that exams cannot be held. The Department for Education has launched a consultation to hear the views of students due to take their exams. [See https://bit.ly/35TII1CO](https://bit.ly/35TII1CO)

We are very keen that you have the best experience at Sutton College and have a series of free courses for your wellbeing including on Sleep and Emotional Resilience. Please do look on our website, it just might be something that you or your family could benefit from during these challenging times.

As a parent, I understand the pressures of juggling coursework with home-schooling and sharing limited IT equipment. Please contact us if you feel there is any support we can provide you.

You may see staff in your on-line class carrying out a class observation. If I am lucky enough to join your group, please say hello and ask any questions and I will try my best to answer them for you.

Finally, communities have celebrated festivals and significant days very differently recently. As the start of Spring approaches we are a step closer to the nation being vaccinated and towards a return to normality.

Stay safe and I look forward to hopefully welcoming a lot of you back on site in early Spring.

Dipa Ganguli OBE - Principal/Head of Service



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Advice & Guidance

Unsure of your next steps for education, employment or career choices? Our Advice service can help! Contact advice@suttoncollege.ac.uk



Accessible Learning

Did you know that Sutton College has access to funds that may be able to help you access your class? See <http://bit.ly/2HIU7XB> for more information.



LGBT History month!

To celebrate LGBT History Month in February, we are running a special History Club lecture on Oscar Wilde! See <http://bit.ly/3bP0iGx>.



Age UK Sutton are holding various video call events soon to support older people in Sutton including sessions on Healthy Living and Feeling Connected in the Community. More information can be found at www.ageuk.org.uk/sutton/get-involved/age-friendly-sutton

ESOL Student Feedback on Online Courses

"This course has helped me improve my speaking and my grammar. Since I started this course, my IT skills have improved. Covid-19, is not a good thing at all, but it's given me the opportunity to study English in the comfort of my home and have more time for housework and family. Thank you Sutton College for giving me this amazing opportunity." VD

"I'm extremely satisfied, my English has improved a lot and I would definitely recommend courses online. I like the way of teaching and the friendly atmosphere. The teacher is very patient, helpful and well organized. I met a wonderful group with whom I feel comfortable talking. During this lockdown period, it helped me to forget a little about the daily stress." MG