Dear Parents/carers,

The focus at college is really gearing up now to ensuring that all students are supported to successfully reach the end of the academic year. All of our students who are progressing at college have had their progression interviews and been offered their places. For our Level 3 and A level Year 2 students, the focus is on supporting them to complete their endpoint assessments and revision for exams. We also have a significant number of students who need to sit their GCSE Maths and/or English exams. For your information, the first exams for these are:

**18th May English**

**20th May Maths**

If your young person is studying for one or both of these, please encourage them to attend all their lessons, additional workshops, and independent practice using the online platforms (Century for English; Maths Watch). Our students need to get their Maths and English GCSEs at grade 4 or above to progress to a level 3 course at college.

**Additional funding for Lancashire – Have your say!**

Lancashire County Council is looking for residents and representatives of businesses and organisations in East Lancashire to take part in a focus group to help shape their ambitious £50 million bid to the government's Levelling Up fund. The focus groups will be held using Microsoft Teams and will last for around 1.5 hours.

Your participation will help the council to understand the potential benefits to the East Lancashire community, which will inform their plans and hopefully secure funding.

They are keen to hear from a range of people and communities.

If you would like to take part in a focus group, please register your interest by completing the short form at [https://bit.ly/LCCLUFBid](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2FLCCLUFBid&data=05%7C01%7CEmma.Swindlehurst%40NelsonGroup.ac.uk%7C3830d3b368024b52b57d08da2cf624f7%7Cec8185ce4f05448b828746c0185766e2%7C0%7C0%7C637871732929648472%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=4Y%2FSKvb5xc76fzUaFxn7LltG%2FHvP%2FsB4gxfL6I3GXac%3D&reserved=0)

Alternatively, you can contact Maria Benedict (Maria.Benedict@atkinsglobal.com).

If you cannot attend a focus group, but would still like to have your say, please find out more about our bid and complete our short online survey at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/LUFBid](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.lancashire.gov.uk%2FLUFBid&data=05%7C01%7CEmma.Swindlehurst%40NelsonGroup.ac.uk%7C3830d3b368024b52b57d08da2cf624f7%7Cec8185ce4f05448b828746c0185766e2%7C0%7C0%7C637871732929648472%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2BGkfa%2BCj%2BDQD%2FnlQq%2BaFs5qs5Dt3BtyyzLG%2BjSRRmKA%3D&reserved=0)

Thank you very much for taking the time to have your say – every survey response and focus group attendee makes a difference.

That’s all the key messages for today. Enjoy a dry and hopefully sunny bank holiday weekend,

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