Appendix A

Glasgow Clyde College's Covid-19 Response

College supports fight against digital poverty

As students across the country approach the one-year anniversary of at-home learning, Glasgow Clyde College has undertaken a major drive to tackle digital exclusion.

Since the start of lockdown, the college has been supplying its students with IT supplies to help them progress with their studies from home.

Thanks to recent funding made available by the Scottish Government and the Glasgow Clyde Education Foundation, the college is on target to distribute 500 laptops, 300 Chromebooks and 250 internet dongles to over 800 students.

This will bring the total number of essential IT equipment distributed since March 2020 to over 2,000 items – including over 1,600 laptops and netbooks.

Read more here: https://www.glasgowclyde.ac.uk/news/826-college-supports-fight-against-digital-poverty

Staying 'present' during the festive break

It has been a year of change for us all. Since March, simple tasks like going to the shops, the office or out for lunch have been impacted by the Coronavirus.

And as we approach the Christmas break, everyone is preparing for a vastly different festive period. There are roughly 20,000 new COVID-19 cases reported in the UK each day, so social distancing measures will need to be respected to help in the fight against the virus.

Read more here: https://www.glasgowclyde.ac.uk/news/808-staying-present-during-the-festive-break

Glasgow Clyde provides catering facilities to children's charity

Glasgow Clyde College has stepped in at the 11th hour to offer Launch Foods a home so the charity can continue its amazing work feeding school children across the city.
Launch Foods, a charity which supports hungry kids, was relocating from its previous base and struggling to find a suitable replacement with many commercial kitchens closed due to Glasgow's 'Level 4' status.

Read more here: https://www.glasgowclyde.ac.uk/news/807-glasgow-clyde-provides-catering-facilities-to-childrens-charity

Glasgow Clyde College Student Association sign up to undertake the LGBT Charter

Glasgow Clyde College Student Association (GCCSA) has signed up to undertake the LGBT Silver Charter. The LGBT Charter is a quality standard that means the College is seen as a champion of LGBT inclusion, an accolade that only three other Scottish colleges currently hold.

Read more here: https://www.glasgowclyde.ac.uk/news/814-gccsa-sign-up-to-undertake-the-lgbt-charter

Glasgow Clyde College supports remote island community

Gift-tech, the College's technology recycling scheme, has provided computers to a remote community in Tiree. Glasgow Clyde College's Gift-tech project recycles the college's old Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) and donates them to community organisations. Gift Tech was approached by the Solar Project in Tiree which urgently needed computers for some of its service-users on the island. Seven computers have been distributed to Solar, part of the charity Cùram Thiriodh , gifted to families, young people facing unemployment and some elderly residents who have never owned a PC of their own, helping bridge the digital divide on the Inner Hebridean Island.

Read more here: https://www.glasgowclyde.ac.uk/news/809-glasgow-clyde-college-supports-remote-island-community

You can learn something new everyday

Having lived through eight months of a global pandemic, it is clear to see that our lives will never be the same. Lockdowns, air bridges, furlough schemes and face coverings have altered the fabric of our day-to-day existence and all the experts predict that the upheaval of 2020 will have a lasting impact on our economy.

Read more here: https://www.glasgowclyde.ac.uk/news/800-you-can-learn-something-new-every-day

Equality, diversity and inclusion remain at the heart of college life

It's now one month into the most unusual term in the College's history. Students are following a blended model, with many classes being taught online. Learning from home has become the new normal. But it isn't always easy. We're doing everything we can to maintain the entire experience of being a Glasgow Clyde College student – from a virtual freshers' event, regular online hangouts to adding some sparkle to this year's virtual graduation.

Read more here: https://www.glasgowclyde.ac.uk/news/794-equality-diversity-and-inclusion-remain-at-the-heart-of-college-life

Glasgow Clyde College raises over £6500 for city's food banks

Glasgow Clyde College has donated £6591 to food banks across Glasgow after it was the first College in Scotland to join a national fundraising initiative, 'FE Foodbank Friday'.

Read more here: https://www.glasgowclyde.ac.uk/news/785-glasgow-clyde-college-raises-over-6500-for-citys-food-banks

Glasgow Clyde College introduces bespoke wellbeing course for students

A course focusing on mental health resilience and wellbeing has been curated for students at Glasgow Clyde College after lecturers became concerned about the effects of coronavirus on young people.

The course, "Wellbeing for Students" consists of nine modules covering sleep, mindfulness, positive self-talk, reframing thoughts, connecting with others, what is wellbeing, exercise and diet,anxiety and depression, and a special 'coping with covid' element.

Read more here: https://www.glasgowclyde.ac.uk/news/777-glasgow-clyde-college-introduces-bespoke-wellbeing-course-for-students

Being online is a lifeline

Life has moved online in the last two months. Whether working remotely, keeping up to date with the news, ordering shopping or staying in touch with family, we're relying on the power of the internet more than ever.

But what happens if you don't have the equipment or internet access you need at home, and you have classes to log into? Or if you are in the highly vulnerable category of people who must stay indoors, and you can't access the internet to order your prescription or groceries?

Read more here: https://www.glasgowclyde.ac.uk/news/841-being-online-is-a-lifeline

Mental health Awareness Week 2020

This Mental Health Awareness Week we are sharing the following videos, which have been created to help manage different areas of mental wellbeing.

Read more here: https://www.glasgowclyde.ac.uk/news/773-mental-health-awareness-week-2020

Using new skills to sew scrubs

In an effort to support her community during the coronavirus pandemic, fashion student Emily Barker has been using her newly acquired skills from college to sew scrubs for health care workers.

Emily, 20, left her home in Forres last summer to study Foundation in Fashion and Textiles at Glasgow Clyde College. Since returning home in March due to the coronavirus lockdown, she has raised £1,090 through a Facebook fundraiser to buy materials to make PPE for local care workers.

Read more here: https://www.glasgowclyde.ac.uk/news/771-using-new-skills-to-sew-scrubs

College launches Mental Health Helpline

We've launched a new Mental Health Helpline for students who feel that they need to talk to someone. Just call 0141 272 3786 from 1pm – 4pm, Monday to Friday. The helpline is staffed by counsellors and is available to current Glasgow Clyde College students. All you need to do is provide your 8 digit Student Reference.

Glasgow Clyde College donates supplies to support NHS

Glasgow Clyde College has cleared its campuses of medical equipment and PPE in order to donate them to the NHS.

A small number of staff members carried out a sweep of the college's three campuses this week in order to locate supplies which could be donated to the NHS.

Resources normally used in the engineering, horticulture, construction, nursing and beauty departments were gathered and donated to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, which is currently converting surgical wards into respiratory intensive care units, but with limited equipment to do so.

Read more here: https://www.glasgowclyde.ac.uk/news/762-glasgow-clyde-college-donates-supplies-to-support-nhs