

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will know, the College has been closely monitoring the Coronavirus situation and following Government guidance.

The national situation has reached the stage where the Government has announced that after Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, schools and colleges will be 'closed' until further notice. For us, our learners and parents/carers this does not mean we are closed for learning, it means that we are going to be teaching our learners in a different way.

The College Management Team have been planning for this closure for several weeks and are well-prepared to ensure that our students can continue learning and your young person's progress is not hampered by this measure. Work has been planned especially for this close down period and if students heed advice given to them by their Tutor and Lecturers, we are confident that they can continue to progress with their course at the required pace.

Primary Tutors will be in touch with full-time students in order to support them through the next four weeks and ensure that they are able to continue with their College work. It is important that they check their email regularly so that they are able to keep up with instructions.

In the next few days, we will be sending some additional information to parents in the form of FAQs and we will include any information we have on cancelled exams, studying at home and anything else we feel is useful. What we do know at this point is that if your young person is studying English and/or Maths GCSE or Functional Skills, they will now need to work even harder with their teachers to ensure that should predicted grades become necessary, they have completed sufficient work to allow this to give them the best possible outcome. We will let you know more about that when we can.

I am sure you will have noticed that the Government has also asked schools to ensure that there is provision for the most vulnerable learners. If your young person is known to us as vulnerable, e.g. they may have an Education, Health & Care Plan or may be heavily supported by a social worker, we are working to put provision in place and we will advertise this widely when we have completed the preparation.

In the meantime, thank you for your co-operation in making this unique and dynamic situation work for our young people. If you have any particular queries, please email us on [closure@bathcollege.ac.uk](mailto:closure@bathcollege.ac.uk) - we are monitoring this every day over the closure period.

We hope your family stay safe.

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