

Dear student,

In light of new advice from the UK Government, Wiltshire College & University Centre will close all its campuses at 4pm on Friday (20<sup>th</sup> March) for the foreseeable future.

During this closure period, the College and its staff will continue to comply with all requirements to support our students, staff and the public in dealing with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Lessons will continue as planned for the remainder of this week (19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March).

Staff have been preparing for a closure and, from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, all your lessons will be delivered via our online platforms, workbooks, email and telephone to ensure you can keep studying at home.

Any work set will need to be completed within the time frames established. If you need any additional support, we will look to run supplementary online lessons to ensure your needs are met.

We are currently waiting to hear from our awarding bodies on how they will deal with exams not being taken. While we wait, it is important that you keep up to date with all work set to ensure we have enough evidence to provide to the awarding bodies, should they need to see the grade level you are working at. In addition, hand-in dates set by staff must be met to ensure staff can mark work and provide feedback.

Furthermore, it is crucial that you continue to participate in your lessons to ensure work is up to date and can be moderated at the end of the year.

If you are unwell and unable to attend online or telephone lessons, you should notify your lecturer (by email or telephone). If there are any additional lessons, the times will be communicated to you.

Please check in to eStudy/Brightspace/Teams (or whichever platform you usually use) frequently as your academic team will post communications informing you of what is happening. There may be changes in assessments for example.

I understand this is an unsettling and unprecedented time, but we are working hard to ensure that you are supported to continue your learning.

Please do keep checking the College website ([www.wiltshire.ac.uk](http://www.wiltshire.ac.uk)) and social media platforms for regular updates.

If you have any questions, please contact [info@wiltshire.ac.uk](mailto:info@wiltshire.ac.uk), contact your programme leader, academic tutor or Hilly Prendergast, Head of Higher Education Quality and Partnerships.

Regards,

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For the most up to date Public Health England advice on Coronavirus, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance>.