

To all our students and their parents and guardians

On 18th March, the Prime Minister announced that all schools and colleges should close, except to certain categories of students, as part of the national response to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

At Kidderminster College, we will be stopping all face-to-face teaching for most of our students from the end of Friday 20th March until further notice. In line with government guidance, we will remain open for those in most need – for example students with education health care plans (EHCPs).

Staff have been working hard to ensure that learning materials are available online, and that all students know how we expect them to work and to keep in touch. Staff will continue to teach their students remotely, setting work and holding online sessions to ensure that students can continue to learn through these difficult times. In this way, we hope that as many students as possible will be able to achieve their qualifications in the normal way, despite the closure.

This is a very unsettling time for all of us, and some questions do not yet have clear answers. However, we have put together answers to many of the most pressing questions on the website at www.kidderminster.ac.uk/coronavirus-updates/, and we will be keeping this page updated with new information as we get it. Details of how to contact us with queries are included, but for anything course-related, students should contact their tutor in the first instance. This can be done by email. If you are unsure of the address to use, please email kcstudentservices@kidderminster.ac.uk and we can put you in touch with the right person.

Many students are also studying maths and English with us. Whilst arrangements for this year's GCSE exams are currently unclear, we want all our students to carry on developing their English and maths skills. There is a wealth of material for these subjects on the college VLE, and English and maths tutors will be keeping in touch with their groups in the same way as other staff. If you would like to contact an English or maths tutor, and do not have their email address, please use the kcstudentservices@kidderminster.ac.uk address.

We will be contacting parents of students with EHCPs directly about arrangements for their children.

The closure of schools and colleges will inevitably cause disruption, but I would like to assure you that Kidderminster College and its staff will continue to support you through the weeks ahead. Our priority has to be the health, safety and wellbeing of everyone in our college community, and my wish for you is that you and your loved ones remain well.

With best wishes,



Andy Dobson
Principal

