



9 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

The Westcountry Schools Trust received guidance from the Department for Education yesterday afternoon, in relation to end of term planning and have issued a directive to all the schools within the Trust to close on Thursday, 17 December 2020. Therefore, the College will be closed to all students on Friday, 18 December 2020 and will now be a training day for all staff. Please see the accompanying letter from Rob Haring, Chief Executive Officer.

End of term arrangements

The last day of term will be Thursday, 17 December 2020 and the College will be open in accordance with the normal timetable for the full day, with all students departing at **3.15pm** by their normal means of travel. The buses will run as normal.

We would like to give students the opportunity to support their charity and therefore, Christmas Jumper/non-uniform day will now be on Thursday, 17 December.

Sixth Form provision will continue as planned for the last week of term, with Year 12 students in College on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Year 13 students to be in College on Thursday.

We are currently in the process of reviewing the Sixth Form Teaching and Learning model in preparation for the New Year, seeking student, parent/carers, staff and governor feedback. Further information will be sent via Ms Lilley in the coming days.

The Spring Term will commence on Monday, 4 January for all students, as published.

Reporting positive COVID-19 test results cases for any students after Thursday, 17 December 2020

The Department for Education has requested that all schools continue to support the NHS Test and Trace for contact tracing for a further six days, so please may we ask parents/carers to report positive cases up until 23 December via the College's dedicated email address:

covidnotification@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk

This is really important that this information is provided as soon as possible to the College, in order that we can inform any staff or students who are required to self-isolate as a result.

All other form of communication into the College will be closed during this holiday period.

On behalf of everyone at the College, have a restful and safe festive break.

Yours faithfully

Rachel Hutchinson
Principal

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