



## Sixth Form Learning at Home during the Coronavirus Closure

### General guidance

While away from College, your learning needs to continue independently. Teachers will be in communication via email and/or epraise, so it is important that you check these regularly.

It may be that your teachers will set work to cover new topics; this is particularly likely for Year 12 students. Moreover, teachers will contact you specifically with information about any ongoing coursework. However, **the main focus for most students** should be preparing for mock examinations in Year 12 and final examinations in Year 13. We have discussed planning for these, but you now need to adapt your plans to fit the extra independent study time that you have.

Bear the following in mind:

- Try to keep your routine as close as possible to what it would be at College: divide your time into working weekdays and leisure time at the weekend. Split the work days into 2 - 3 hour morning, afternoon and evening sessions. Work for two out of three of these sessions.
- Plan out when your revision times will be (or how many hours you can give per week) and total up the number of hours of revision you have until your examinations. Then work out how many hours you have to dedicate to each topic.
- Have dedicated content learning and practice time.
- To streamline content learning, perform an audit of understanding using the specification (RAG rate, ticks and crosses, etc.). Schedule more time for areas of weakness than areas of strength.
- Also, remember the forgetting curve – you want to revisit topics multiple times, so take a spiral approach to timetabling.

If you would like guidance on learning techniques, see the *Top Tips* in your Learning Journal or your subjects' individual Independent Learning Sheets.

### Examinations

We will make all necessary adjustments to ensure that students are not disadvantaged when the examinations start. It is likely that Ofqual (the body

that oversees examinations in England) will give schools direction on what changes or adjustments will be necessary as more is known about the period of time schools will be closed. It is important to remember that all Year 13 students will be in the same situation.

We are confident that adjustments to examination schedules if appropriate (particularly practical examinations or completion of coursework scheduled for the end of April) will be made where necessary to ensure that no young person is disadvantaged due to the closure of schools.

### **Staying connected**

The Quick Links bar on the College website has links to the following:

- College email
- MyFiles – access to Handouts resources from teachers
- Epraise

**Again, remember to check your College email and epraise daily.**

If you have forgotten your College password or have any difficulties accessing your email account, please contact [ictsupport@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk](mailto:ictsupport@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk).

