



30 November 2023

Rachel Hutchinson  
**Principal**

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your patience and support in what has been a challenging morning at Ivybridge Community College. This morning, we took the necessary decision to shut the College for the day due to the adverse weather conditions, which escalated incredibly quickly. At the time of staff and student arrival, and forecast into the morning, we experienced blizzard like conditions with pathways and access roads to College unsafe and the main Dining Hall out of action due to flooding. Additionally, some of our staff travel from much further afield. At this time, a large number of coaches/buses were already reporting to our transport team that the conditions were making arrival to College unsafe, and conditions were exceptionally concerning.

Despite our site teams' best efforts in preparation for a yellow warning, the blizzard conditions in which we faced made the site inaccessible for many staff and the coaches arriving to us from Plymouth and Devon. This led to College closure: a decision we took in the best interest of our students and staff safety.

We hope your child has been able to access their online curriculum for today as communicated via the Class Charts app and in the message sent earlier. This online learning is a mixture of video lessons with independent practice tasks and support. This for most is in-line with the learning today in the core curriculum of Maths, English and the Sciences.

For students in Year 11, the remainder of the day is a great opportunity to bolster their examination preparation with independent revision using resources provided on online platforms. All this information is in the Year 11 Finishing Line Strategy. Further information can [be found here on our website](#).

For students in Years 12 and 13 lessons set by their classroom teachers and subject leads.

As per our previous email to Year 13 parents, the Year 13 Virtual Evening will proceed as normal this evening. Please be aware staff may be joining virtually from home and whilst we anticipate no further disruption, any meetings that cannot proceed will be rearranged as a priority prior to the Christmas break.

We will continue to keep you updated as necessary via our usual methods of communication and our website.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours faithfully

**Ivybridge Community College**

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