

# Winter Weather Statement

## COLLEGE OPERATION IN ADVERSE WEATHER OR DURING OTHER UNUSUAL CONDITIONS

1. **The College will operate on its normal schedules and stay OPEN. We will only close the site if weather conditions are so severe that the College site cannot be made safe, usually due to exceptionally heavy snow.**
2. **Getting Information**
  - The College will decide whether to open or not when conditions on site have been assessed that morning.
  - We will update the College web site as soon as possible in the morning, normally by 7am.
  - We will also provide information on local radio
3. **If we close...**
  - When exams are due to take place, we will open the site for these exams, even if the College is closed for teaching (see below).
  - Students should treat this as a study day. Where you have access to a computer, you should check your emails for messages from your teachers and use learn.Varndean to access student materials.
4. **If we stay open**
  - We will ensure that all students who come to College on these days are provided with a constructive educational experience. This may or may not be normal timetabled lessons.
  - We are likely to be short of staff on these days, but we undertake to provide students with the best teaching and learning experience possible in the circumstances.
5. **What we expect of students**
  - Students are expected to travel to College where it is safe to do. It is up to the individual to judge whether their journey is likely to be safe or not.
  - Students should attend – we will provide teaching and learning for you, so you will miss out if you do not attend.
  - You should get up early on mornings where bad weather is forecast. You should then check the College web site and local radio regularly.
  - If the College is open, you should walk to College, allowing extra time for the journey. **Do not drive.**
  - You must ensure that you have suitable clothing (especially shoes) for icy/snowy weather. Please put safety above fashion and be sensible.

## **6. Examinations**

- Don't worry! All exams will take place as indicated by your examination timetable.
- It is up to you to follow the guidance above and use a bit of common sense. Get up earlier than normal to take into account that normal travel time may be longer than usual.
- Students who fail to attend will be required to resit (where this is possible), and to pay any resit fees.
- Students will not be automatically awarded their predicted grade in the event of bad weather.

**Finally, thank you for your resilience and good humour during bad weather.**

**Be careful and stay safe but also remember  
that your education is very important to you and to us.**