

## City of Bristol College Centres:

Advanced Engineering Centre (AEC) at Parkway  
Ashley Down Centre  
College Green Centre  
Motor Vehicle Technology Centre at Parkway  
South Bristol Skills Academy  
The Brislington Centre



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### Coronavirus update: College closes its doors but learning continues online

Following the recent government announcement ordering schools and colleges to close to reduce the spread of coronavirus, COVID-19, City of Bristol College will be operating as follows:

- The college (all centres) will remain open between 8am – 5pm on Friday 20 March. On this day, daytime teaching will continue as normal and there are no evening classes due to take place.
- The college (all centres) will be fully closed to students on Monday 23 March (daytime and evening) and there will be no teaching taking place on this day.
- Where possible, teaching (daytime and evening) will resume again on Tuesday 24 March via online learning channels. The college will be closed to students and staff until further notice.
- The government has announced that exams will not be taking place in May and June, but students will get their qualifications. Further information on how this will be done will be provided as soon as possible.
- The college is currently considering the best way to remain open for its most vulnerable students (for example, those with an EHCP) and for those whose parents are key workers (e.g. NHS, emergency services, delivery drivers) in line with government guidelines. We are currently preparing plans for opening our College Green Centre, Mondays to Fridays, 9.30am – 3.30pm for this group of students. If your parent(s) or carer(s) work as a key worker, and you would like to take advantage of this option, please complete [this form](#).

We recognise the importance of ongoing learning, especially at the time when you are nearing the end of your studies. We will be utilising Microsoft Teams to facilitate digital learning. Please see section 'Virtual Support' [here](#) for further information about how to access virtual learning materials.

To make the most of your virtual learning and enable your teachers to communicate with you via mobile and/or email, we need your most up to date contact details – please ensure that you update these in ProPortal by Monday 23 March at the latest.

Students in receipt of financial support, such as free college meals will continue to receive these payments wherever possible.



Recognising that a period of social distancing or self-isolation can have an impact on mental health and wellbeing, we have collated information about external services which are available to give [online support](#).

Ongoing general updates and developments in relation to coronavirus will be published on the college's [news section](#) and social media channels:

Website: [www.cityofbristol.ac.uk/news](http://www.cityofbristol.ac.uk/news)

Facebook: facebook/cobcollege

Twitter: @CoBCollege

LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/city-of-bristol-college

Despite the fact that exams have been cancelled and teaching will be disrupted for the next few weeks, I would like to reassure you that this will not impact on your progression with City of Bristol College for next academic year. We expect to be open as usual later this year.

I look forward to welcoming you back in our college at some point not too far in the future.

Best wishes

Andy



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