

Keeping you safe at The Isle of Wight College

Everyone at the College is very much looking forward to welcoming you on campus in September.

Our priority is to help ensure you have a safe, enjoyable and rewarding time whilst studying at College.

We are taking into account the latest government guidelines for COVID-19 and this means the start of the new term on campus will be different.

You will have received a letter with this leaflet explaining the arrangements for the start date and time for your course. ***Please read this leaflet before you start so you are familiar with the requirements and arrangements in place while you are studying at College.***

Either as a new student, or someone who is returning, the facilities on site and your day to day routine will be slightly different. At all times we will follow government guidelines around safety and social distancing, and we will expect all students to do the same. Understanding this will be part of our enrolment and induction process this year and we will talk to you further about the information in this leaflet.

Keeping you safe on campus

On campus, we are installing the types of safety systems which have become commonplace in other places, such as shops and public buildings. This will include screens at our help desks, signage, one-way systems, hand sanitiser and additional cleaning. The wearing of masks is currently not mandatory in Colleges, but some staff and students may choose to do so, which we respect.

Practical activities will be delivered following guidelines from the government around social distancing and safety. For professionally accredited courses, we are working closely with relevant Professional, Statutory and Regulatory bodies around how students will reach the skills levels required. We expect this to mean, for example, social distancing or using relevant PPE

Students who are required to self-isolate due to symptoms or a travel quarantine

All students will be expected to follow guidance around self-isolating with symptoms. In addition, if you have returned from a country where you are required to quarantine for 14 days after your return, you should inform us at info@iwcollege.ac.uk and you should not attend College during the quarantine period.

Any students who need to self-isolate due to quarantine, relevant symptoms or living with someone with symptoms, will be able to study from home using online resources, so they will not feel pressure to be on campus.

Students are encouraged to bring their own laptop or smart tablet

All students will also be encouraged to bring their own electronic device for completing work (e.g. a laptop or smart tablet) as this will reduce the need to share computers on campus. This will also enable you to complete online work at home when required to do so. If you do not have a device and you are entitled to a bursary, we may be able to support you with the provision of a laptop. For

further information about Bursary support please visit www.iwcollege.ac.uk/information/student-services/financial-support/ or email bursary.info@iwcollege.ac.uk with any specific queries.

Support for students who were previously ‘shielding’ under NHS guidance

Individual risk assessments will be completed for any students who were informed by the NHS to shield during lockdown due to being categorised as extremely clinically vulnerable. This will help us to assess how best to support you in your studies at College. If you or your parents/carers feel you require a risk assessment, or if you have any concerns about returning to College please contact info@iwcollege.ac.uk and someone will contact you to discuss your circumstances and how we can support you.

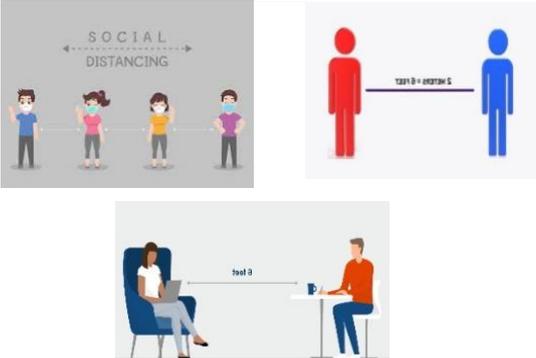
Any questions or concerns?

Finally, if you have any specific questions about your course or would like further information and guidance on your course options at College, we remain available to offer friendly advice and support. Please contact us at any time via info@iwcollege.ac.uk and we will be happy to help.

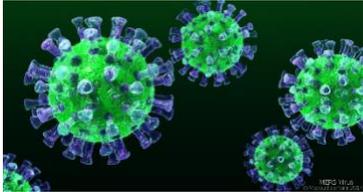
Things to know before you start College...

		<p>Travel where possible to College by car, bike or by walking.</p>
		<p>If using the bus, wear a face covering it is the law.</p>
		<p>Following your first day, always go directly to the block you are being taught in. Try to use external paths around College, rather than internal corridors.</p>
		<p>There will be a take-away food menu available at lunchtimes, which can be accessed in the refectory.</p>

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		<p>Remember 2-metre social distancing at all times when out and about.</p> <p>This includes outdoor areas, smoking shelters and toilets.</p>
		<p>Toilet breaks will have to be well managed - remember 2-metre social distancing means 1 in 1 out.</p> <p>You MUST let your tutor know when you need a break.</p>
		<p>Fire drills will take place over the first two weeks. Remember to stay 2-metres apart.</p>
		<p>For vocational courses, your workshop area will require your help with cleaning after use.</p>
		<p>Only use the toilets assigned to you and in your block.</p>
		<p>Wash or sanitise hands for at least 20 seconds (sing Happy Birthday twice)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - when removing/ putting on a face covering - When entering the block/classroom - After using the toilet - BEFORE and AFTER eating

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Before leaving the classroom to stretch legs/smoke or go home - After blowing your nose or catching a sneeze in a tissue - As soon as you get home.
		<p>If you feel unwell before College with symptoms, do not come to college. Symptoms include: A new or continuous cough A temperature Loss of taste or smell.</p> <p>If you feel unwell when at College, let your tutor know straight away.</p> <p>You will need to leave the building and go home and get tested for COVID-19 informing the College by phone/ email of the results as soon as possible.</p>
		<p>Catch a sneeze with a tissue or into your elbow. Dispose of tissues by flushing them down the toilet.</p>
		<p>The government has said face coverings are not mandatory in educational settings. However, you can choose to wear one if you wish. Remember you must wear one on public transport and in some other public places, so please ensure you store your face covering away in a bag or pocket when not using.</p>

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		<p>Do not enter any other block, other than one you are being taught in.</p>
		<p>Avoid touching your face.</p>
		<p>No coughing or sneezing into the open atmosphere.</p>
		<p>Do not gather in groups while at College. Maintain the 2-metre distance at all times even if you hear the fire alarm.</p>
		<p>Do not share tools, food or other resources with your fellow students.</p>