



# HARTPURY

## **Adverse Weather Guidelines for Residential Students 2023/24**

### **The purpose of the guidelines is to help:**

- students know what to do in the situation of adverse weather conditions.
- ensure students know how they will be informed in the case of closure due to adverse weather conditions.

Hartpury aims to provide an uninterrupted educational service to all its students throughout the year and as a residential campus, Hartpury will aim to remain open in all weather conditions.

It is recognised that severe weather conditions, particularly snow, ice and local flooding, can make it difficult for staff and students to travel. Hartpury will not expect staff or students to travel during adverse weather conditions, if there is a risk to their safety.

During adverse weather and the temporary closure of the campus, Hartpury will endeavour to keep essential services including utilities and catering, operating as normal for residential students.

The resources to clear snow and ice from roads, pathways and steps will be deployed to the highest priority/risk areas in the first instance. This process will be managed by the campus facilities team. The gritting of roads, pathways and steps will be undertaken as soon as icy conditions are predicted and within 24 hrs.

Students health and safety is paramount and students should wear suitable clothing and footwear at all times whilst moving around campus.

### **Communication**

- In severe weather conditions, if the campus has to be closed, a message will be sent immediately via the Hartpury Callmy app to all students. A notice will be posted on the Hartpury website, social media platforms and Microsoft Teams by 08.00. An all student email will also be communicated.
- Individual tutors will inform students if there are changes to timetables as a result of weather conditions.
- If Hartpury remains open, examinations will normally continue as timetabled. If exams need to be cancelled, rescheduled or moved to a different location, changes

will be notified via the Hartpury website, social media platforms, Microsoft Teams and student email.

## **EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

As with all Hartpury policies and procedures, due care has been taken to ensure that this policy is appropriate to all students regardless of their age, disability, ethnicity, gender, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation and transgender status.

The policy will be applied fairly and consistently whilst upholding Hartpury's commitment to providing equality to all.

Hartpury is committed towards promoting positive mental health and aims to create a culture of support where students can talk about mental health problems without the fear of stigma or discrimination.

## **APPROVAL AND REVIEW CYCLE**

<b>DATE LAST APPROVED</b>	July 2022
<b>POLICY OWNER</b>	Head of Residential Life and Residential Services
<b>APPROVING COMMITTEE</b>	Executive
<b>STATUS</b>	Approved
<b>EFFECTIVE FROM</b>	August 2023
<b>NEXT REVIEW DATE</b>	July 2024