
18 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Coronavirus and School Closures

Following the Prime Minister's news conference and the Education Secretary's statement to the House this evening, outlining the Government's next steps to slow COVID-19, we write to provide further guidance on the current situation within school.

The remainder of this week

Whilst we currently do not have any confirmed cases of COVID-19, we do have a growing number of staff absent who are currently self-isolating and staff who are in higher risk categories, as defined by the Government, and as such have been advised to remain off work. This means we will need to extend a **partial closure of the school for Year 9 and Year 10 on Thursday 19 March.**

Friday 20 March is a previously published INSET day so school is closed to students unless they are specifically invited.

Monday 23 March until 3 April - Whole School Closure

I will write to parents/carers of each year group to set out the support and processes of maintaining Home Learning in the next two weeks.

During the closure, schoolwork will be available on Show My Homework for students to complete. Staff will be available to answer queries and to track and monitor completion of the work. It is extremely important for students to engage meaningfully with this work, which will consolidate and build on current knowledge and will also cover new content.

Students on Free School Meals

We are looking at various options at time of writing and will communicate further about the provision we wish to offer.

Children of key workers

If you are a "Key Worker" who will need to have your child in school to fulfil your work commitments, we may be able to support these students in school.

In order for us to better understand how far we are able to support families in such circumstances we would be grateful if you would follow this link and complete the relevant information **in advance of Friday 20 March.**

<https://forms.gle/NmLzf2fxF4bRbdv7A>

Year 11 and GCSE Examinations

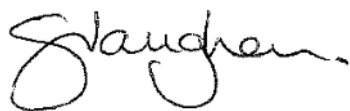
Today the Prime Minister has stated that there will be no examinations in May and June but has not said that there will be no examinations and has yet to confirm the arrangements for qualifications. With this in mind Year 11 must continue to work hard on the work provided. Current advice is that students should continue to prepare for these as normal and school staff will continue to provide resources to help students prepare effectively.

The Art PPE will run as normal tomorrow.

This is an exceptionally difficult time and I cannot express to you how dismayed we are at having to limit our support in this way and at this time. However, we will continue to strive to provide the best possible support to our community in these extraordinary circumstances.

We will continue to update on the School's position when we have further information. Thank you for your continued support and understanding in these unprecedented times.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Vaughan', written in a cursive style.

Mr Vaughan
Head Teacher