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11th March 2022

Priory school closed to Year 11 – Friday 11 March

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had to make the difficult decision to ask a year group to work from home today due to the high level of staff absence, overwhelmingly due to COVID absence which has spiked again this week. We cannot staff all lessons and break time duties and have only been able to confirm the extent of the absence first thing this morning

We have made the decision that the year group to stay home should be Year 11. **All other Year groups should attend school today as normal.**

Why Year 11?

- We know this Year group are mature and work well online. This, in turn, will create less disruption at home than it might with younger children
- They are primed for their mock exams over the next two weeks and this time will allow them to prioritise their revision for the Mocks ahead.
- They have extensive, supportive material available in their Google classrooms.
- This "study day" pre- mocks may also be supportive of their wellbeing.

Whilst we would never choose to make such a decision we can see benefits at this time, as they can personalise their work to aid revision and preparation for the start of their Mocks on Monday.

How should they spend their day?

- Year 11 students must be at home working throughout school hours, they must not be outside in the local community.
- Students should access their work via their Google Classroom
- The mock exam timetable and information is here: https://www.priorysouthsea.org/spring-year-11-mock-examination-information/

What if I have questions about the exams or need help?

All Year 11 teachers will add their email addressed to Year 11 google classroom should students wish to email them during today. Teachers may be teaching/covering but will endeavour to respond by 5 pm this evening.

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What if we need access to a device?

Please email ipads@priorysouthsea.org by 10 am and we will get in contact with you to arrange collection.

We understand that some parents may have important, individual requests. These should be directed to Mrs Douglas in the first instance. ldouglas@priorysouthsea.org

My thanks to everyone for their patience in this matter. Year 11, get revising and we will see you Monday.



Stewart Vaughan
Head teacher