



18 MARCH 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

PARTIAL CLOSURE OF THE SCHOOL - YEARS 10 AND 12

Following my letter yesterday, I have taken the decision to direct students in Years 12 and 10 to home study until further notice. As the effects of COVID-19 virus continues to develop it is becoming difficult to support lessons across all school years in school. This is as a result of staff sensibly taking the guidance laid down by government and the reduction in agency staff available.

I have therefore reluctantly decided that as of tomorrow, Thursday 19 March, 2020 all students in Years 12 and 10 should study at home. I appreciate that this is a slight change to the sequencing detailed in yesterday's letter however all Year 9 students are sitting a GCSE/BTEC examination this summer, and need to complete vital assessments. An oversight on my part.

Staff are working hard to ensure learning materials are available electronically and students should check their school emails daily for information. If your child is unable to access these learning resources, please contact their House Progress Manager and we will arrange alternatives. I ask for your patience in this matter as we work with restricted staffing. For those with access to the internet (computer, ipad, tablet, phone) there is a wealth of study materials through on-line packages such as My Maths, Doodle and Seneca. All these will be familiar to your child.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals, we can offer a packed lunch to be collected from school daily. If you would like your child to receive this please inform school reception (0151 355 8445) by 9am tomorrow morning, giving your child's name and form. Packed lunches will need to be collected at 11.30am each day from reception. If you find you no longer require this lunch, please inform reception to avoid food waste.

As detailed in my letter yesterday this is a temporary partial closure and as staffing returns to normal I will inform you of the need for your child to return to school. This will be the day prior to return.

I do appreciate your support in this matter and as the situation changes I will keep you fully informed. For guidance on the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) please logon to our website and click the banner at the top of the page.

Yours sincerely,

Mr B Heeley
Headteacher