

18 March 2020

Dear Families,

Due to the rising number of staff who are unable to come in to work in line with Government guidance, we have taken the difficult decision to reduce the number of students in school. Therefore, we will be introducing a partial closure effective from tomorrow, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

Years 7, 11, 12 and 13 ARE to come into school. The timetable for these year groups will run as close to normal as possible.

### Learning

All students should ensure that they have all the necessary equipment and a reading book with them and for Year 11 and 13 students to bring in revision materials which can be used in any event of a usual lesson not taking place as planned.

Years 8, 9 and 10 are to stay at home. Work will be set on Show My Homework for students to do at home. The attached **Remote Home Learning Guidance** document outlines this in more detail, including how to access the work, how teachers will support and respond to students during this time, how work set is to be assessed or marked and our expectations of students to complete all the work.

Years 12 and 13 are expected to come into school as normal but may see some adjustments to their lesson times from Monday. This will be communicated via the Head of Sixth Form, Mr Dwight.

### Show My Homework

It is imperative that whilst students are completing work from home they are able to access their Show My Homework account. If any student has misplaced or forgotten their log-in details please refer to the guidance sheet attached to this notice.

### School Transport

As we are only partially closing, home to school transport will run as normal.

### Students in receipt of free school meals

If you are entitled for free school meals, you will have received a separate communication from our Finance Team regarding support during this time.

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## Music lessons

If your child will miss music lessons whilst we are partially closed we are currently planning that music teachers will roll these lessons to next term where possible or provide credits against missed lessons in next terms bill.

## Forthcoming Planned Events

- **Year 8 Guided Choices Evening** (Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March) – this has been cancelled and further communication will be coming out from Miss Rowe tomorrow.
- **Enrichment Day** (Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March) - this has been postponed to enable us to run a normal school day for those year groups in school. All trips running on this day have been cancelled and further information will be coming out from Mrs Owen.
- **Sports Tour** – At the moment all travel to Europe has been cancelled for the next 30 days so we will continue to follow Government guidance on travel and update families once we have a more information closer to the time of this trip.

Whilst we appreciate these measures are not ideal, we must ensure that the children in school are able to be looked after in a safe environment and key year groups, in particular Year 11 and Year 13 are receiving the best possible preparation for their forthcoming examinations.

We are facing unprecedented times and a rapidly changing landscape. There will be a further update from the Government this afternoon which may provide further guidance for us going forward.

Thank you as always for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Jo Meloni  
Headteacher

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