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Dear Parents / Carers

Coronavirus update 17/03/2020 (updated)

College closures - Immediate

We have had no further direct instructions from Central Government on whether or not the College will be partially or fully closing, however we have planned for a number of scenarios.

The College is already facing increased pressures in relation to staffing, and we are adjusting classes as a result, to ensure that disruption is limited as much as possible. However, it is becoming increasingly difficult to manage and plan teaching to ensure that we can cover all classes. Therefore, we are going to have to close the College to Year 10 students only from Wednesday-Friday.

They will be provided work via Edulink to ensure the loss to learning is minimised. We will then review the impact on other year groups over the next few days.

For students who are already off, we have provided via the website links to online websites that students can access if they are or their family are already isolating. This is an interim measure, but they are on the whole sites they are already utilising as part of their normal studies.

College closures - Long term

If we are faced with the unfortunate circumstances of a full closure, then staff will be setting work for their classes via Edulink or Microsoft Teams. It is vitally important that if you do not have access to the internet or Edulink that you inform us as soon as possible. The website will provide detailed guidance on how this will run and the expectations of work.

Full details about the support we will be providing, together with other questions including emergency contact numbers, will also be provided on the website.

College Closures - Support for key sector workers

If, as a result of partial or full close down, you are struggling to provide child care for your child and you are employed in the Health, Social or similar sectors, we will be providing supervised study within the College. This is to support those sectors which are heavily engaged in the virus outbreak by ensuring that they are able to attend their places of work for as long as possible. If you feel that this applies to yourself, please contact the College and we will be in direct contact with yourself regarding these arrangements.

Examinations

We have had no updates from the Exam Boards or the Exam Regulator at the moment and we are, therefore, assuming that exams will progress as normal, however this is likely to change.

Diary Updates

Again, in order to mitigate the risk of infection we have decided to postpone the following:

- The Year 8 Guided Pathways Evening
- The Year 8 Parents Evening
- The Duke of Edinburgh meeting for Parents/Carers

For Year 8 students selecting their subjects for next year, we will contact you direct with information on how you will get further details about the subjects and how you will inform us about your choices.

Further Guidance

For information on the virus and decisions about self-isolation and pre-existing medical conditions, please refer to the Public Health England website for updated health advice and guidance.

Yours faithfully



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