

18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Today we had 16 teachers and 227 students absent from school, either as a result of self-isolation measures or through illness.

We are trying to maintain a safe and coherent provision for as long as we can. Tomorrow, we will be unable to operate a normal timetable for all year groups and so we have decided to close the school for Year 10 students on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020. We have selected this year group as they are most likely to be able to self-manage for periods at home and have fewer summer examinations to prepare for.

For these two days only, we ask that students work on existing tasks and projects and/or work that is set on 'Show My Homework'.

We recognise that this will potentially present a challenge to some families. If your work involves supporting or caring for people currently affected by this crisis, and you would be unable to attend work as a result of Year 10 not being in school, please can you send your child in as normal, alerting the House office that you intend to do so. We will endeavour to provide some supported study for those students through the day.

If your Year 10 child is entitled to Free School Meals and would like to still claim their meal, they will be welcome to come on site and have their lunch if they report to reception at 1.20pm tomorrow.

Events are moving quickly, and I am aware that national announcements may soon also be made. I wanted to give you sufficient time to plan based on what we know our capacity will be tomorrow.

Yours faithfully



Richard Spencer  
Principal