



**Queen Katharine
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Dear Parents and Carers

Temporary closure: Year 7 to move to remote learning for Tuesday 14th Dec & Wednesday 15th Dec

Like many schools across the country, we are currently facing low staffing levels and are aware that this will continue to be the case for at least the next two days. We have therefore made the decision to move to remote learning for year 7 for **Tuesday 14th December and Wednesday 15th December** in the interests of our students' safety and wellbeing.

This blended learning approach is very important. It will allow all year groups to receive a mixture of face-to-face and remote learning, ensuring that the measures we need to put in place are fair for all students.

Students in year 7, should therefore remain at home and access their remote learning online. **Work for the students in Year 7 will be set on Microsoft Teams.**

See link below to access work for Year 7

<https://www.qka.education/page/?title=Work+From+Home&pid=226>

I want to be clear that this is not because of positive cases of Covid-19 in the academy. Under normal circumstances, staff absence rarely causes problems and can be quickly solved. However, in the current situation, schools are facing significant challenges with staff absence levels being much higher than normal.

If there are any exceptional circumstances where students in year 7 are unable to access their learning at home over the next two days, please contact the year 7 team who will be able to offer some support for your child to remain in school

All Year 7 students should return to school on Thursday 16th December as usual.

I would like to thank all our families for your support so far and apologise again for the disruption these decisions cause. I want to reassure you that the safety and wellbeing of our students is always our highest priority.

Yours sincerely

Lynn Mayes
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