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Our Ref LM/sh/Y12 Closure

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Dear Parents and Carers

Temporary closure for Year 12 to move to remote learning – Monday 31st Jan to Wednesday 2nd February.

Like many schools across the country, we are currently facing low staffing levels and are aware that this will continue at least over the next few days. We have therefore made the decision to move to remote learning for **Year 12 students, students who are studying an AS subject (the first year of a two-year course), and students on a Level 2 course** next week in the interest of our students' safety and wellbeing.

Students who are currently sitting exams or controlled assessments will still need to come in for their timetabled lessons and their exam sessions (staff will contact these students directly via email). Students in Year 13 and 14 will continue to come in for their lessons as normal, but AS lessons will not be running.

This blended learning approach is very important, as 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.

During their time at home, work for students in Year 12, students on an AS course, or a Level 2 course will be set on **Microsoft Teams** or **via their school email addresses**. If students cannot access a device from home, they should contact the Sixth Form team to arrange an alternative.

I want to be clear again that this partial closure is not because of positive cases of Covid-19 in the academy and under normal circumstances, staff absences rarely cause problems and can be quickly solved. However, under the current circumstances, schools are facing significant challenges with staff absences much higher than normal.

All Sixth Form students should return to school on Thursday 3rd February 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
Principal, Queen Katharine Academy