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Our Ref LM/jd/Y7 & P16 Closure

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Dear Parents and Carers

Temporary closure of Year 7 (Mon - Wed) and Post 16 (Thurs-Fri)

As previously explained in my letter on 6 November, like many schools across the country we are currently facing low staffing levels. We are now aware that this will continue next week and we have had to make further decisions today in the interest of our students' safety and wellbeing.

I want to be clear again that this is not as a result 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.

Next week, we will unfortunately need to ask all students in Year 7 to remain at home from Monday 16th November to Wednesday 18th November and all students in Post 16 to remain at home on Thursday 19th November and Friday 20th November.

This blended approach for Year 7 and Post 16 is very important as it will allow both 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 7 and Post 16 will be set on Microsoft Teams.

See link below to access work for Year 7

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/team/19%3a5b208e46acad48d6920e0ed4213bacc2%40thread.tacv2/conversations?groupId=fdfe4e8a-66a8-48cd-8442-31c41b4d03ef&tenantId=f30a8c9e-6852-4df0-8cb3-99269b4f1d66>

See below information of how to access work for Post 16

Please see individual class link on Teams to access work.

If any student is unable to access online materials, they should use the day to revisit learning in their CGP booklets.

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All Year 10 students should return to school on Monday 16th November 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.

We hope you all enjoy the weekend as best you can.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn Mayes." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L' and a trailing dot at the end.

Lynn Mayes
Principal, Queen Katharine Academy