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Our Ref LM/jd/Y10&Y7 Closure

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Dear Parents and Carers

Temporary closure of Year 10 (Monday 30th November to Wednesday 2nd December) and Year 7 (Thurs 3rd December - Friday 4th December)

As previously explained, 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 10 to remain at home from Monday 30th November to Wednesday 2nd December and all students in Year 7 to remain at home on Thursday 3rd December and Friday 4th December.

This blended approach for Year 10 and Year 7 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 10 and Year 7 will be set on Microsoft Teams.

See link below to access work for Year 10

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/team/19%3adb408ad92def44d7abe2472a496f8a2e%40thread.tacv2/conversations?groupId=5f58cef4-411f-46fc-b854-6acdcf87b8a2&tenantId=f30a8c9e-6852-4df0-8cb3-99269b4f1d66>

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>

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 8 students should return to school on Monday 30th 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'.

Lynn Mayes
Principal, Queen Katharine Academy