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Our Ref LM/jd/Y9 Closure

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Dear Parents and Carers

Temporary Closure of Year 9 (Wednesday 9th, 10th & 11th December)

As previously explained, like many schools across the country we are currently facing low staffing levels. 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.

With effect from tomorrow, we will unfortunately need to ask all students in Year 9 to remain at home from Wednesday, 9th December to Friday 11th December.

During their time at home, work for students in Year 9 will be set on Microsoft Teams.

See link below to access work for Year 9

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/team/19%3a7bbeca2349594566b1dd130295ec9870%40thread.tacv2/conversations?groupId=d1c0f49a-5b8c-44e0-8974-e02da5ef1725&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.

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,

Lynn Mayes
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