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Our Ref LM/jd/Y7/8/10/11 Closure

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Dear Parents and Carers

Temporary closure of Year 8 and Year 10 (Mon - Wed) and Year 7 and Year 11 (Thurs-Fri)

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 8 and Year 10 to remain at home from Monday 14th December to Wednesday 16th December** and **all students in Year 7 and Year 11 to remain at home on Thursday 17th December and Friday 18th December.**

This blended approach for (Year 8 & 10) and (Year 7 & 11) 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 7, Year 8, Year 10 and Year 11 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 link below to access work for Year 8

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/team/19%3a9369756561b14a638598cb120c95ef75%40thread.tacv2/conversations?groupId=dff251a8-5cc3-4c19-9b49-9cd152f83337&tenantId=f30a8c9e-6852-4df0-8cb3-99269b4f1d66>

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<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 11

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/team/19%3aa6beaedf08d44fcbbecf539636817019%40thread.tacv2/conversations?groupId=a4e20eb1-73e6-470a-8acf-4882891b3dcb&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.

All Post 16 and Year 9 students should return to school on Monday, 14th 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



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