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Dear Parents and Carers

Temporary closure of Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 (Tuesday - Friday) and Year 11 (Thursday - Friday)

Last week I wrote to you with regard to a temporary closure for some year groups, staggered across the final week of term. I also explained, like many schools across the country, we are currently facing low staffing levels. This has now escalated beyond our initial expectations, meaning that 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.

Therefore, for the remainder of this week, we must ask <u>Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 to stay at home</u> <u>until 5th January 2020.</u> This is an extension of the previously notified closure for some of these groups. We must also ask <u>Year 11 to stay at home on Thursday 17th December and Friday 18th December. This was previously notified in my letter of 11th December.</u>

For students who are at home, work will be available online and, where possible and appropriate, teachers will deliver 'live' lessons. In the event that these are taking place, teachers will communicate details via the school email.

In addition to this, as previously, 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

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See link below to access work for Year 8

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See link below to access work for Year 10

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See link below to access work for Year 11

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

We expect that all students should return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

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 faithfully

Lynn Mayes

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