



Dear Parent/Carer

17th March 2020

Coronavirus Update

We are very aware that this is a worrying time for you and your children and we would like to reassure you that we continue to manage the impact of Coronavirus on your child's education.

In light of the ever-changing situation relating to the Coronavirus and the consequences this is having on staffing in schools, I have taken the decision to send home Year 8 students only as from tomorrow, Wednesday 18th March 2020, until further notice. This not a decision taken before exhausting all other options. As a precaution, you should be aware that sufficient resources and work have been uploaded onto Show My Homework in order that all students can work at home in the event of any further closures. All completed work should be kept safe in order that this can be marked upon their return to school. In addition, your child has access to the following online resources, your child will already have passwords for these resources.

- <https://hegartymaths.com>
- <https://www.educake.co.uk>
- <https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks3/english/>

Please encourage your son to visit the Student Hub on the College's website for additional online links to support their learning. We have also made the decision to cancel key events over the next few weeks to support the wellbeing of all in the community. This includes the following:

- Sports Fixtures
- Spring concert- 25 March 2020
- First Friday- 3 April 2020
- Trips and visits

We are keeping the school open for other students, subject to staff availability and guidance received. At the same time, we have made the decision to retain the following meetings:

- Year 11 critical parents' meeting- 11th March 2020
- Year 12/13 critical parents' meeting 1st April 2020

Where possible we will be looking to continue to support students with public exams and arrangements have been made for offsite examination provision, should the need arise. We are closely following guidance from Public Health England, the local authority and the Diocese of Westminster. For your further assistance on the Coronavirus, please see below Public Health guidelines issued by the Government and some useful links: -

Advice for Pupils

Young Minds - <https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/what-to-do-if-you-re-anxious-about-coronavirus/#talk-to-someone-about-how-you%E2%80%99re-feeling>

Childline - <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/>

Advice for Parents

The Independent - <https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/coronavirus-how-to-talk-to-children-anxiety-uk-china-a9339776.html>

Advice for Adults

Mind - <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/>

I ask that if your child does need to be self-isolated, that you do not send them to school.

I am sorry that this decision has needed to be made. I wish you and your families well and I will contact parents if there are further updates. The College website should also be checked.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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