



Dear Parent/Carer

17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**YEAR 8 CLOSURE FROM WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**

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 as from tomorrow, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020 until further notice. This decision has been taken after exhausting all other options. As you will be aware, sufficient resources and work have been uploaded onto Show My Homework in order that all students can work at home and all completed work should be kept safe in order that this can be marked upon return to school. Your son will have the passwords needed to access these resources. In addition, your son has access to the following online 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. The deadline for updates to Year 8 options remains Friday 20 March. Students may continue to access their sims-options portal online where they can make their final option choices from home, but if they do not complete by this date their options will be selected for them.

We have also taken the decision to cancel key events over the next few weeks to support the wellbeing of all in the community. This includes the following:

- All competitive Sports fixtures
- Spring Music Concert: 25 March 2020
- First Friday: 3 April 2020
- Trips and Visits

We are closely following the 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/>

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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