



Dear Parent/Carer

18th March 2020

YEAR 9 CLOSURE FROM THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 2020

I am aware that the present situation is a cause of worry for parents and as a school we are seeking to provide as much support as we can to students and parents at this difficult time. 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 9 students as from tomorrow, Thursday 19th 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. Your son has also been given a copy of our curriculum booklet and an extra exercise book to complete work assigned. In addition, your son has access to the following online resources:

- <https://hegartymaths.com>
- <https://www.educake.co.uk>
- <https://www.senecalearning.com/>

Please encourage your son to visit the Student Hub on the College's website for additional online links to support their learning.

Please see below the recommended amount of work that your son should be completing as a minimum:-

- An hour of English, Science and Maths each day.
- Two hours of their option subjects and RE per week.

We have 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/>

Please contact the school at enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk, if you are a key worker such as a teacher, police officer, armed forces personnel or employed to the NHS and need childcare support as a result of this closure

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 and our twitter feed will also provide updates.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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