



Dear Parent/Carer

19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**SCHOOL CLOSURE FROM FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> 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 all remaining students from this afternoon, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020. This decision has been taken after exhausting all other options. Staff will tomorrow use the time available to plan activities for students who will be on-site on Monday onwards. We have been designated as a hub for providing support to vulnerable students and children of key workers. If tomorrow's closure creates childcare issues and you are a key worker, please let us know so that we may accommodate your son.

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.

Following Public Health England's latest guidance, we have taken the decision to cancel all meetings, trips and visits until further notice. 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](mailto: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 or any other essential service and need support because of this closure. Students attending should do so in uniform.

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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