



17 March 2020

Dear Parent/ carer

As you will no doubt be aware, the Government has made a number of announcements in relation to measures to prevent the further spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The health and safety of our students, staff and the wider school community is, as always, our number one priority. As you know, we have been closely following all government guidance relating to the virus. We have also taken all the necessary precautions since the national outbreak to prevent it from impacting our Academy and to keep students safe. There are no confirmed cases of any student or member of staff at the Academy contracting Covid-19.

Whilst the Government has not announced the widespread closure of schools, unfortunately, the cumulative impact of the current measures has led to significant levels of staff absence.

Therefore, regrettably, I have to inform you that we will be closing the Academy to students from Year 7 to 10 from 3.00pm on Wednesday 18 March 2020, until further notice. This is due to an unprecedented number of staff absences, taking into account the most recent Government advice concerning vulnerable staff who should not be at work.

Students in Years 7 and 8 will be provided with written work from core subjects. Students in Years 9 and 10 will be provided with written work from core subjects and all of their chosen option subjects and will bring this home with them at the end of the day on Wednesday.

Staff will also be setting extra work for students online via Microsoft Teams. This is not compulsory but would be very beneficial for students to complete. All students have received guidance on how to access and use Microsoft Teams and a help guide is available on our website.

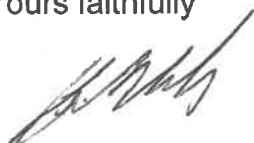
Students in Year 11, 12 and 13 who are undertaking examination subjects this year should continue to attend the Academy as normal until further notice.

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Whilst we understand that this is likely to cause disruption for you and your family, we have robust plans in place so that your child can continue their education during this time. As always, we are committed to ensuring that our students receive the best possible education and will be working hard to minimise the impact of the closure on your child's education.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you wholeheartedly for your understanding and ongoing support in helping us to manage this unprecedented situation.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Carlile', written in a cursive style.

Mr G Carlile
Principal