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Dear Parent/Carer

Sixth Form Closure

Further to the recent guidance and advice from the Government and Public Health on managing the spread of Coronavirus, we have a small number of staff members who are currently unable to attend work. As you were informed by Mr Williams' letter earlier today, following government guidance, the Sixth Form will close from Monday.

For Year 13 this will mean an end to their formal education in the Sixth Form and this very subdued end was certainly not what we would have planned. We intend to organise a more celebratory evening, hopefully in September when it would seem more appropriate, as we do not want this landmark event for students to go past without marking it in some way.

Today we are still waiting for an update from both the exam boards, regarding the awarding of grades for Post-16 qualifications and also from UCAS, regarding University applications. Obviously as soon as we have any news we will be in contact; in the meantime we would encourage students to try to keep in touch with their studies until we have further news.

In the Sixth Form we have prepared work for students to complete in the time that they are out of school via Google classrooms. For Year 13 students, this is largely revision and exam papers for them to work through, as at this point most of the content has been covered in class. There are also revision activities where appropriate. These will all be on the specific subject Google classrooms. Students can also contact teachers if they are unsure of anything or need queries addressed.

We have also created a Google classroom for all Year 13 to provide students with guidance on wider aspects of study such as study and revision skills. In addition to this we will be posting resources to support students with planning for their futures; students can work on these whilst they are not in school. The code for this classroom if students do not already have it is **e3j3rdf**.

All of the teaching staff will do their very best to support the students as much as possible during this time, however please be appreciative that staff are not at school and may themselves be ill or caring for relatives who are not well. Please be patient and understand that staff are doing their best in what we all know are difficult circumstances.

We will continue to support students as far as possible and we thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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