

Dear Student,

I am sure that this is an unsettling time for all of you and your loved ones, and I hope this message finds you well.

I went into lessons before the college closed last week and spoke to all year 12 pupils. In addition head teacher Mr Gibbs emailed instructions to all students of the school and college outlining how work can be accessed remotely on 365, and subject teachers have demonstrated how work can be accessed from home.

Given the government's announcement yesterday and the likelihood that the college may remain closed until September, I know that students will have concerns about how this may affect their progress. Therefore I want to reassure you by explaining the measures we have put in place to minimize any negative impact, and our expectations of students.

- Work will continue to be set by all subject teachers on **365** and can be submitted for feedback in the subject **HAND IN AREA**. In addition some staff are using internet platforms such as Microsoft Teams or Zoom, but this is not a requirement as we appreciate that computers are frequently being shared within one household and this can be an added complication.
- Students are aware how to contact their subject teachers for any further advice regarding their specific subject.
- Students who have started **Non Examined Assessments (coursework)** in their subjects should continue to do so, following the advice of their subject teachers.
- Subject teachers will give feedback to students remotely based on last week's assessments.
- Those students who were not in attendance, due to ill health or self- isolation, will take an assessment when the college reopens.
- We intend to add information about **university applications, apprenticeship opportunities and employment**, so that students can continue to plan for their future, after the Easter holidays as the national picture unfolds.
- The **AS Further Maths** examination has been **cancelled**, and latest guidance suggests that a grade will be calculated by teachers taking into consideration a range of evidence and data which will include: previous attainment, including GCSEs and internal assessment performance and the grade your teachers believe you would have been awarded should exams have gone ahead. The aim is to provide a calculated grade to students **before the end of July**.
- Some of you may have been contacted directly from your **work experience** provider cancelling your placement. Disappointing as this is it is also understandable given the

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current climate. If you have not received an update I would advise students to contact their provider directly for clarification. It may however take time for organisations to reply to you during this unprecedented time.

Completion of work is especially important as it is unlikely that there will be enough time for teachers to go over all content from the start when we return, so completion of tasks to the best of your ability is paramount.

I will continue to update you when we have more information.

In the meantime, stay well and best wishes.

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