

Dear Year 10 Parents / Carers

### **Work during the closure**

I am, as I am sure you are, really concerned about the effect this closure is going to have on your children's progress. They will it seems, effectively, lose maybe a whole term of learning time. This has huge implications for their Year 11 and potentially for their GCSE grades. Subsequently, I am emailing you to ask that you ensure they do the work that has been set for them online during the closure. It is unlikely that there will be enough time for teachers to go over this all from the start when we return, so please stress to them the importance of completing the tasks to the very best of their ability. As things settle down it might be that our teachers can set work that has to be 'handed in' electronically and returned with feedback.

### **Work Experience**

I hope you can all understand that we are making the decision to cancel this summer's work experience. There is of course a chance that we will not be back at school anyway, but if we are we think the priority will be to assess pupils' progress during the closure and then to get on with exam material as effectively as possible. This is a huge disappointment as we do put enormous value on Work Experience. Thank you to all of you who helped organise placements. I suggest you might try to organise something during the holiday as a private arrangement, but be aware this will not be a part of any school programme. We will let all employers know this decision has been taken.

Yours sincerely

Tim Gibbs