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Learning to be Extraordinary

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Dear Parent/Carer

You will be aware from the media that the Government has directed all schools to close to the majority of students from 5th January 2021. Although we have to close in our usual capacity, we wish to remind all students and their families that we are here to support our community and we will continue to prioritise our students for their learning and wellbeing.

We will continue to provide your child with a high quality curriculum, either on line or by other means, providing work which is designed to support and challenge them appropriately.

Students who may attend school

The following statement has been made via the gov.uk website:

“Following the [Prime Minister’s announcement on 4 January 2021](#), only children of critical workers and vulnerable* children and young people should attend school or college. All other pupils and students will receive remote education.”

*The school will be in contact with you if we believe that your child should be invited to attend school.

To view the Government definition of critical workers, please see the guidance provided by the Government using the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Can my child still come into school if they cannot access remote learning?

This afternoon, the Right Honourable Gavin Williamson offered further guidance regarding remote learning. It has been confirmed that students who are struggling to engage with the remote learning may attend school.

*To view the full guidance, please use this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Therefore, if you believe that your child is struggling to engage with the remote learning and would benefit from attending school, please book a place using the Google form

<https://forms.gle/UiDhoACvTzv7JBqz8>

Booking a place in school

If you believe your child meets the criteria for critical workers and you would like them to continue to attend school, please complete the google form <https://forms.gle/UiDhoACvTzv7JBqz8>

Each week, the Google form link will be available on our school website and school Facebook page, on Wednesday at 3pm. **The deadline for completing the form each week will be Friday 3pm. Completion of the Google form will secure your child a place in school and you will also be sent a confirmation email.**

Students attending school should enter the building via their Year group entrance and they will go directly to their allocated classroom. Students should arrive at 8.30am. Students should attend in full school uniform and be 'learning ready' on a daily basis. For those students entitled to a Free School Meal, lunch will be provided.

Students who should not attend school

As previously stated in my letter, all students who do not meet the criteria above should not come to school until further notice. They will be expected to work from home, on a daily basis, following their normal school timetable.

We will continue to use Google Classroom. Classroom codes and further information can be found on our school website under 'Remote learning'.

To support learning at home and in school, we have changed the timings of the day to avoid 'split' lessons. Therefore, please use the following timings:

8.30-8.40 Tutorial
8.40-9.55 Period 1
10.00-11.15 Period 2
11.15-11.35 Break
11.35-12.45 Period 3
12.45-1.15 Lunch
1.15- 1.35 Tutorial time
1.35-2.45 Period 4

What if my child has questions, or needs academic support?

On the homepage of the website are links to enable you to communicate with the Year teams. Please submit your enquiry and someone will respond when available.

What if my child is entitled to a Free School Meal and is not attending school?

We are currently waiting for further guidance from the Government about how they would like schools to support children who are entitled to Free School Meals. Therefore, we will communicate with families as soon as possible when we have further information.

CSIA Parental Calendar

As the school is closed, we have had to make changes to the CSIA calendar. We would like to draw your attention to the following:

- ❖ Wednesday 13th January – Year 8 Parents evening – postponed until further notice
- ❖ Thursday 14th January – Year 11 Revision evening – postponed and a new date will be sent to parents as soon as possible
- ❖ Wednesday 27th January – Year 12 Parents evening – postponed until further notice
- ❖ Tuesday 2nd February – Year 13 Revision evening – running as a virtual event
- ❖ Wednesday 3rd February – Year 9 Nexus Options evening – running as a virtual event
- ❖ Wednesday 10th February – Year 9 Options evening - running as a virtual event

Internal examinations

Internal assessments for Years 7-10 will be postponed until later in the year. Year 11 Mock examinations are still scheduled to take place in March.

External examinations

The external examinations scheduled for January and February are currently still running. Therefore, we will continue to support students as planned. We will only be in contact with your child if the exam is cancelled. At the moment, we have had confirmation from the examining bodies that the exams scheduled in January and February **will** take place.

Year 11 and Year 13

During the announcements, it was suggested that exams will be affected. However, we do not know the full extent of this impact. We are reviewing all guidance as it is released and will continue to communicate with all students via their Google Classrooms. If you have any individual questions, please contact the appropriate Year teams and they will be able to support.

This morning, Ofqual have released a statement on the gov.uk website which includes this advice:

“Our message to students is this: please continue to engage as fully as you can in your education. That will be online for the majority of students, or face-to-face for those students still going in to their school, college or training provider. This will put you in the best position, whatever arrangements are made for your qualifications. It’s important that teachers and students can focus on the knowledge and skills needed to equip students to progress to the next stage, whatever form that might take – whether to college, an apprenticeship, university or employment.”*

*To view the full statement, please visit this link: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/a-message-from-simon-lebus-chief-regulator-on-exams-in-2021?utm_source=346946ed-132b-4e68-8f67-2fe5f64f6e05&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

This means that students must continue to work as normal in preparation for the end of Year 11 and Year 13. They should continue to work as if they are preparing for their final examinations. We intend to run the Year 11 mocks in March as scheduled and students need to be prepared for these. Evidence of assessment may be needed in the calculation of final grades i.e. mock/coursework. We may need to generate final grades with mock examination results as part of the evidence if Centre Assessed Grades are required.

Equally, the learning that takes place in Year 11 and Year 13 is an important building block for the next stages of education. Therefore, it is important that students continue to engage in the online learning.

Teachers will continue to monitor who is engaging in their learning, offering support and guidance.

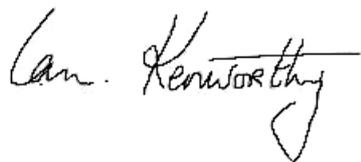
Re-opening CSIA

We will contact you when we have any updates regarding the current situation and in advance of plans to reopen the school. We will use the school website, Class Charts text messages and social media to communicate with you. Should you wish to contact school staff, please use the appropriate enquiry links available on our school website.

We thank you for your understanding that the National picture is continuing to change very rapidly and that information in the public domain does not always give us all of the answers we would wish. However, we will continue to do everything that we can to support our students, their families and our local community.

Once again to you all, a very big thank you for your support and I would like to congratulate all our students on their continued demonstration of resilience, integrity and ambition at this challenging time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian Kenworthy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the top of the "y".

Ian Kenworthy
Principal