

17 November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 11 Working From Home

I hope that this letter finds you and your families safe and healthy.

With a small but growing number of positive Covid-19 cases in Senior Academy, we currently have over half of Year 11 students who are having to self-isolate at home. Our priorities are to ensure that students are safe and that their learning is not interrupted and that they can continue with their studies in preparation for their summer examinations.

Following advice from Public Health England, we are taking this opportunity to direct the entire year group to work from home, from **Wednesday 18th November 2020 to Friday 27th November 2020**. The next day we will expect Year 11 students back in school will be **Monday, 30th November 2020**.

We have postponed the Mock Examinations for Year 11; they will now take place in school in the last two weeks of this term before Christmas, week commencing Monday 7th December 2020. This extended time away from the school provides students with additional time to revise maturely and seriously for their Mock Examinations. Lessons will take place as normal online and students should follow their normal timetable, which will be delivered via Microsoft Teams. Students have been made fully aware of how to access Teams during their Edge time in school.

As we simply do not know what Government guidance will be given to schools regarding the way in which the summer examination series will run and grades be awarded, we must assume that Mock Examination and teacher assessment grades will be used. It is therefore crucial that your child studies hard at home and at school in the months ahead. I know that many students were disappointed to have to work from home, particularly as their conduct in the Mock Examinations yesterday was exemplary.

Thank you for your ongoing and continued support at this sensitive and frustrating time. Please be assured that our priority is to keep the school open whenever possible and maximise your child's learning time at school. You will appreciate that this decision has not been taken lightly, but it hopes to ensure that all Year 11s will be able to return to school on **Monday, 30th November 2020** in time for their Mock Examinations, which will allow students to test their skills and knowledge against examination criteria and allow staff to give meaningful and impactful feedback in return.

Yours faithfully,



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