

4 January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

### **School Closure Announcement**

As you will have heard, the government announced this evening that schools will close immediately as part of the measures put in place to control the spread of COVID-19. It has been reported that this will be in place until February half term. Should this change, we will of course let you know.

**The school will still be open for students who are classed as vulnerable or children of key workers. Those parents/carers have already notified us via the form sent out on 3 January. Full uniform and our high expectations will continue for students accessing this provision in the academy.**

### **Summer examinations**

For those students in year 11, it has been reported that examinations in the summer will not go ahead as planned. However, we do not yet know the alternative arrangements for examinations. As soon as we do, we will communicate this to you. It is vital that students continue to be committed to their studies and all their lessons, in all their subjects, so they are fully prepared for whatever the arrangements are.

### **January examinations**

For students expecting to sit examinations in January, we are still expecting that these will go ahead as planned. Further details will follow.

### **Online learning**

It is expected that all students not in school will access online learning. We have a strong plan in place for home learning via Google Classroom. Students should be up and learning by 8:25am each morning. Students will then follow their normal timetable for that day by visiting the correct classrooms at the correct times. Some lessons will be live, some pre-recorded and some will have work posted for students to complete. Pens and paper etc are essential and can be available for you to pick up at school if you need. In order for parents/carers to support their children at home, there is information on the website:

**Accessing Google Classroom from Home** <https://homelearning.outwood.com/> which provides you with guidance on how to access Google Classroom with your child. Students should check the Classwork tab, as well as the Stream tab, to access the work that has been set.

### **Contacting us**

Our phone line may not be staffed at all times, therefore, if you have any issues or concerns please email [enquiries@grange.outwood.com](mailto:enquiries@grange.outwood.com) and a colleague will respond to you as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully



Brian Kelly  
Principal