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Dear parents/carers

**I have made the decision to close the school to Year 9, 10 and 12 only for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.**

The school will remain open for:

- Year 7, 8, 11 and 13 students
- Any students in Year 9 and 10 whose parents work in **key front-line services** (such as the NHS), and for whom childcare is unavailable.

The reason for this partial closure is that I do not have enough teachers to stay open to all year groups.

We have selected the year groups for whom we are staying open on the following basis:

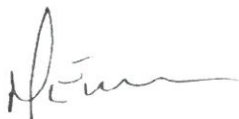
- Year 11 and 13 have examinations imminently
- Year 7 and 8 students are less likely to be able to be at home without supervision, which will be more difficult for working parents to manage.

Teachers will set work for Year 9, 10 and 12 students on Show My Homework according to their normal timetable. Further information will follow later today about the arrangements for home study. It is important to reinforce the message to students that they are **working from home**, and that this is not an extended weekend.

For those students self-isolated in Year 7, 8, 10 and 12, further information will be circulated about what work they should do. We cannot set work individually for these students at this time.

We do not yet know what happens beyond this weekend. I will update you as soon, and as often, as I can. Thank you for your patience, support and understanding.

Yours sincerely



**Matthew Evans**  
Headteacher

