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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to update parents regarding a number of issues related to school closure.

Mr Freakley informed all parents of our arrangements for setting work on Friday – these remain in force. We have also posted a link to a daily exercise workout and an on-line Bridge tutorial which pupils may find interesting.

Further details are now becoming available regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19): cancellation of GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2020. We are currently seeking clarification regarding the situation for Year 10 pupils entered for GCSE English Literature. A link to some useful further information from the Department for Education can be found below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020>

This is a difficult and worrying time for us all and I realise that uncertainty about grades and results adds extra anxiety. However, I would ask that parents and pupils do not contact teaching staff with individual queries regarding the process or their circumstances. I will update parents whenever further information becomes available.

We hope to publish trial examination results for Years 13, 11 and Year 10 English Literature on Friday 3rd April on My Child at School as per our original timetable.

I would also like to thank all those parents who are helping to educate their son or daughter at home. From next week work will be set daily on Show My Homework. Some staff may also begin to use google classroom to provide a more interactive experience. Please see the attached guidance.

The position for Year 11 students is complex due to the cancellation of their examinations and I would like to clarify that work is not mandatory for year 11 pupils and that work undertaken will not count towards their GCSE grades.

However with the length of time between now and Sixth Form provision we would recommend that students aim to continue some study, particularly in those subjects they are considering taking at A Level/BTEC level 3. We would not want any student to be disadvantaged by having to take an extended period of time away from studying. We will endeavour to publish preparation work for A-Level courses as soon as possible.

As parents know the school is only open for a small number of vulnerable students and children of key workers. Due to social distancing, we will be operating with a skeleton staff.

I will write again later this week with any further information. Best wishes to all parents and pupils.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P A Ramsey', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mr P A Ramsey
Headteacher