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## Statement from the Principal

### Re. Coronavirus

As of Wednesday 18 March the academy remains open for all year groups. Over the course of the last two days we have had over 200 students present with symptoms related to Covid-19. The vast majority of students' symptoms have been reported by parents or carers who have then made the decision to self-isolate as per the advice from Public Health England. Furthermore, any siblings of students who have presented with symptoms have also been asked to self-isolate if they live in the same household. Again, this is as per the advice and guidance of Public Health England.

The current staffing situation at the academy remains stable meaning lessons are running relatively normally and safely with some minor adjustments. Importantly, our catering staff are still able to provide a daily hot meal for students.

In the event of any partial closure or full closure teachers have been preparing students to continue studying from home and students who are self-isolating have already been instructed how to find subject resources and lessons on Google Classroom as well as being equipped with a bank of paper based resources. Parents and carers can find a user guide to Google Classroom on our website. Should we make the decision to close or be instructed to close parents and carers will receive a letter that also outlines the websites students should access that will help keep them learning. This letter will also include their usernames for accessing websites and other web-based learning platforms. In the event of any closure that extends beyond the Easter holidays teachers will continue to upload daily lessons for students to work through on Google Classroom.

I appreciate that the parents and carers of our Year 11 students will be particularly anxious as there has been much publicised uncertainty around the GCSE exams due to be held in May and June of 2020. As it stands there has been no announcement from the Department for Education relating to any changes however I am monitoring the situation closely and I expect there to be some clarification in the very near future. Once there is greater certainty relating to the 2020 GCSE exams I will inform you. In the meantime, the message to Year 11 students is to continue to prepare for these exams.



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Please continue to visit our website and social media channels for updates on arrangements for the rest of this week and beyond.

Finally, this is clearly an uncertain time but I'd like to thank parents and carers for the support over the last week and ask for your support and patience over the coming weeks as we move into what I expect to be unprecedented times for schools.



**Mr G Harris**  
**Principal**



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