

11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Y12 and Y13 Students, Parents and Carers

As you will have seen from my letter yesterday, schools have been instructed to stay open for the remainder of term where they can be safely staffed. We currently have a large number of staff having to isolate and many of these are 6th form teachers. Consequently we have been asking 6th form students to come in for lessons and increasingly these are lessons that staff are having to teach remotely from home whilst they isolate. Clearly it makes no sense for students to travel to school (often on buses) to attend a remote lesson that they can equally access from home, at a time where we are working hard to minimise close contacts and transmission of Covid-19. The school is also struggling to cover all lessons across the school, with the large number of staff out due to Covid related issues such as isolation, childcare or illness.

**We have therefore decided to move to remote learning for all year 12 and 13 students only, for all lessons except for those listed below, for the final week of term.**

Students do not need to isolate and teachers may contact individual students who are needed in school to complete work for an urgent deadline or internal assessment (IA) but we will arrange this on an individual basis.

**BTEC Business Studies** students have unit exams at the start of next term and we are keen to provide some face to face preparation with Mr. Howard and Mr. Lamprell. Therefore, BTEC Business students should attend school for these lessons at the following times:

Y12: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December P1-3 in R4 and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December P4&5 in B8

Y13: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December P4&5 in R4 and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December P1-3 in B8

**Y12 BTEC Art & Design** students have a 3 hour supervised exam preparation session as follows, which they must attend school for;

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1:15-4:15pm in R11

Our 6th form students are very sensible and independent and we are confident they will continue to manage remote learning and lessons effectively. **It is crucial that all students log in to their lessons at the usual times next week and attend well so that we can keep their learning on track.**

Additionally, I write to inform you that we have had a positive case reported in Y13 but the student concerned was in school for a very limited time during the infectious period and consequently, the very small number of close contacts have been identified quickly and are isolating with immediate effect. We are confident that no other students need to isolate and as always, have acted in line with advice from Public Health England.

We look forward to welcoming all students back in school on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January**.

Best wishes to you all for a safe and Happy Christmas.

Yours faithfully



**Mrs V Willis**  
**Headteacher**