

31st January 2022

Dear Parents & Carers

Re: Partial Closure – Year 9 students to complete remote learning from home

I am writing to inform you that due to exceptionally high levels of staff absence we regrettably have no option but to require Year 9 students to remain at home on Wednesday 2nd February and Thursday 3rd February and to access remote learning.

Levels of staff absence have risen sharply over the last week, and we now have more staff absent due to coronavirus than at any point since the pandemic began. From tomorrow 30% of teaching staff will be absent. We have absolutely tried to remain fully open for as long as possible but the situation at the moment is unsustainable. We are hopeful that more staff will be able to return ready to teach for the beginning of next week.

On Wednesday 2nd February and Thursday 3rd February Year 9 students will follow a bespoke timetable and access live lessons delivered by our staff via Microsoft Teams. The timetable they will follow on these two days can be seen below and students can access these lessons by logging into Microsoft Teams and clicking on the lessons which will appear in the calendar.

	Wednesday 2 nd February	Thursday 3 rd February
Period 1 0915-1015	English Live lesson with Mr Osborne	Science Live lesson with Mr Webb
Period 2 1035-1135	PE – pre-recorded with Mr Glynn	Aspirations – pre-recorded with Mr Fessey
Period 3 1135-1235	Values Live lesson with Ms Longman	English Live lesson with Mr Osborne
Period 4 1310-1410	Maths Live lesson with Ms Weaver	Maths Live lesson with Ms Weaver
Period 5 1410-1510	Science Live lesson with Mr Webb	PE – pre-recorded with Mr Glynn





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Please note, all other year groups should continue to come to school, and we will be re-deploying Year 9 teachers to cover lessons.

We are hoping by giving you a small amount of pre-warning you are able to arrange childcare and we can only apologise for the inconvenience that we know this will undoubtedly cause.

Yours sincerely

Richard Brand
Headteacher

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