

NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Whilst we await an announcement regarding the continued opening of schools, I am updating you on the decisions that I have taken today along with my Leadership Team.

Unfortunately, we have had to make the difficult decision to close the school to **Year 7, 8 and 9** students from tomorrow as we have insufficient teachers in school to run a normal timetable. We are aiming to offer a limited timetable to Year 10 and 11 students tomorrow and we will update you on Thursday with any changes regarding Friday.

As outlined in my letter yesterday, we have issued all students in Year 7, 8 and 9, who are currently in school with a work pack for them to complete independently from home in this period of school closure. We are currently anticipating the closure being until the Easter holidays, but we will of course update you through e-mail and via the website. Please do continue to follow the Public Health England guidance during this difficult time, and of course, stay safe yourselves.

www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerablepeople/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerableadults

For students who are not currently in school, work packs will be posted to your home address that we have listed on our system over the next few days. The package will be of a reasonable size so please be aware that it may not fit through your letter box and be vigilant for the post arriving! You may be required to collect it from the nearest post office if your letter box is not large enough.

Please do not contact the school to collect work as it will not be possible to liaise with parents/carers on an individual basis over this.

The workpacks include the following resources:

Year 7/8

- A literacy booklet
- An English project booklet
- A Maths work booklet
- A Humanities project
- DT Project work
- An exams revision booklet which highlights topics for revision for the End of Year Exams to be taken in five subject areas.
- Plain paper for project work (if you need it!)













Year 9

- Shakespeare Project
- Macbeth study booklet Or
- Independent writing booklet
- A Maths Work Booklet
- A Humanities Project
- DT Project work
- An Exams Revision Booklet which highlights topics for revision for the End of Year Exams to be taken in 5 subject areas.
- Plain paper for project work (if you need it!)

We recognise that it can be difficult for students to structure an extended period of independent study and so we recommend that students follow the structure of a normal school day, taking breaks at the same time as usual – please see timetable below. However, I do also appreciate that this may be very difficult to implement if a number of siblings are at home together.

9:10	Period 1
10:10	Period 2
11:10	Break (25 minutes)
11:30	Period 3
12:30	Lunch (1 hour)
1:30	Period 4
2:30	Period 5

Thank you once more for your continued support and your positive messages that have been most welcome.

Yours faithfully,

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Ms M Davies

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