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Dear Parents and Carers

As you know we saw our schools close on Friday 20th for the foreseeable future - until we are told to reopen. We are still open and running to support primary children of those who are doing an incredible job to ensure we are all safe and well. If you are in the 'key worker' group, thank you from our whole community for your commitment.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to our staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure we move teaching and learning to a virtual classroom in a very short space of time. For many of us staff, students and parents this has been a huge learning curve and I thank everyone for their patience, feedback and commitment to getting us up and running. As we move into the new challenges of supporting your child's education through the virtual classroom, can I remind you that all staff, whilst fit and healthy, are still working incredibly hard to continue to provide this education. We are all contactable and will be there to help, support and offer any advice we can through this new 'virtual' environment. We appreciate there is always a better way of doing things and our initial phase was to engage all stakeholders in the virtual classroom. As we become more familiar we will refine expectations and enable a more effective feedback system to ensure engagement and learning for all students is taking place.

### Online Learning

All learning resources have been uploaded onto various online learning platforms to ensure your child can still access the teaching resources that are being delivered in school. All students have previously logged onto their online learning platforms and are familiar with these environments.

In **Key Stage Three & Four** (Years 7,8,9 and 10) students can access [online learning through Google classroom](#). All Unit 3 lessons will be uploaded into google classroom to support all students during this time

### Year 11 Purpose of Virtual Learning in these uncertain times

As things stand currently, the government has confirmed that the May/June exams will not now go ahead. We are yet to be told by the government what form the alternative method of assessment might be for non vocational subjects. Until they do so, our aim is three-fold:

- 1 - to keep students' schedules as close to what it would have been as possible to support their knowledge retention and skills.
- 2 - to support students' well-being by ensuring continuity and communication. During assembly time in the last week, we were keen to emphasise that at this time when there is a lot of change and worry, we hope that the contact with school and regularity will help with mental health.
- 3 - to make sure there is a bridge in learning between school and the next stage in their education. March until September is a very long time and keeping the brain active can only be a good thing.

A range of online learning resources are available to all students. If you do not have access to your child's password, please contact us and we will ensure these are supplied to you.



If you have difficulties connecting and accessing online resources, please contact us and we will endeavour to support you where possible.

### **Physical Resources**

These resources include their Knowledge Organisers which were given out to all students the week before we closed and can be accessed via our website [here](#) . Please do share your children's work with us, we would love to see what they are doing.

We ask you, where possible, to support your child with their online resources to ensure their education can continue to be delivered. Please ensure, as per our [e-safety policy](#), that any access to online platforms is appropriately supervised.

### **Communication**

If you have any questions or concerns our school phone lines are open during school hours. Please do not hesitate to contact the reception team on 01305820262 who will ensure you are supported with any concerns. Alternatively please do use the contacts for the various phases of the school through the school website. [Follow this link](#).

Please see [this important notification](#) from the Police.

Thank you for your support during this time, stay safe and please stay at home.

Yours faithfully



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