



17th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 8 CLOSURE FROM WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH 2020
YEAR 7 PARENTS' EVENING – CANCELLED : THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 2020

I am aware that this is a worrying time and we are working hard to manage the impact of the Coronavirus. In light of the ever-changing situation relating to the Coronavirus and the consequences this is having on staffing schools, I have taken the decision to close the school to Year 8 as from tomorrow, Wednesday 18th March 2020 until further notice. As you will be aware, sufficient resources and work has been uploaded onto Show My Homework in order that all students can work at home and all completed work should be kept safe in order that this can be marked upon their return to school. There are other online resources available to your child, which they also already have passwords for including, for example, My Maths.

We have also taken the decision to cancel key events over the next few weeks to support the well-being of all in the community, this includes the Year 7 Parents' Evening, which was due to take place on Thursday 26th March. This will be rescheduled at a later date. This also includes sports fixtures as well as trips and visits. Where possible, we will be looking to continue supporting the students with public exams, should the need arise. We are closely following guidance from Public Health England, the Local Authority and the Diocese of Westminster. For further advice please see the links below:-

Public Health Guidance

Advice for Pupils

Young Minds - <https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/what-to-do-if-you-re-anxious-about-coronavirus/#talk-to-someone-about-how-you%E2%80%99re-feeling>

Childline - <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/>

Advice for Parents

The Independent - <https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/coronavirus-how-to-talk-to-children-anxiety-uk-china-a9339776.html>

Advice for Adults

Mind - <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/>

Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time. I will write to you shortly to confirm to you details on how to access Show My Homework.

Yours sincerely

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