

Urgent update: Changes to the end of term arrangements for Years 9, 10 and 11

The last few days has brought significant challenges to staffing due to increases in the number of teachers having to self-isolate following 'contacts' with positive cases both inside and outside of school. Today we have had a further positive case in Year 10 that has forced us to send home approximately 50 students and several members of staff. Those families affected have been contacted directly.

In order to safely manage the number of students on site and provide the necessary high quality teaching and learning, care and support they need, I have had to make some changes to the end of term arrangements.

From tomorrow (16th December), Year 9, 10 and 11 will be moving to Remote Learning for the remainder of the week.

These year groups will receive work through Google Classroom by their teachers who will deliver their normal timetabled lessons remotely. Outside of the school hours, students should continue to follow and respect the national and local restrictions that are in place around social distancing and hygiene.

I appreciate this is short notice, but the situation we find ourselves in moves extremely quickly and we have to respond accordingly. We sincerely hope that this is the last alteration we have to make to our plans in order to keep everyone safe in the lead up to the end of term.

We brought forward the Year 11 Mock Exam Results Day to this afternoon. All students in Year 11 have received their mock exam results this afternoon and have been supported by the SLT and Team Hub. The focus for Year 11 over the next few days will be on beginning to tackle the gaps in their knowledge and skills identified by their teachers during the mocks.

The whole school will be on Remote Learning on Friday 18th December as previously outlined.

Thank you for your ongoing support and I will be writing to all parents before the end of term to remind them of the arrangements for the start of the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Jones

Headteacher

