

18th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Partial Academy Closure Y9-11 from Thursday 19th March 2020: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The health, safety and wellbeing of our students, staff, families and the community continues to be our top priority and at the forefront of all decisions that we make. In the light of the current health emergency, it is with regret that, due to reduction in staff availability, we have had to take the decision to carry out a partial closure to Years 9, 10 and 11 until further notice. Years 7 and 8 will be expected to continue attending the Academy on Thursday and Friday.

To support all students with the continuation of their studies we are asking for the following:

- Years 9 and 10 should work through their 100% books using the read, cover, write, check strategy that they currently use for their home learning. They should also use their reading books.
- Year 11 have all been given a large volume of work in the past couple of days that they should begin to work through.

Castle Hall Academy, in consultation with IMPACT Multi-Academy Trust and its schools, is working to decide the next steps following the Secretary of State's announcement that schools will close from Monday 23rd March. The Department for Education have assured schools that more information will be available on Thursday 19th March and, as soon as we have this detail, we will share our plans with you.

It is unclear at present how examinations for Year 11 students may proceed, but we should be reassured that the Government have confirmed that no student will be disadvantaged. We would advise all our students, including Year 11, to continue their studies to ensure that they are prepared whatever the next steps may be.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all students, families and the community for their support over the last couple of weeks and to reassure you that we have planned for the potential of closure and that we will be able to continue to support all of our students with continuation of their studies whilst not in school.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P Brook
Headteacher

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