



19th March 2020

CORONAVIRUS: Daily update

Dear Parent / Guardian

As you can imagine we have had a very busy day of planning following yesterday's announcement. The students and staff have been exceptional in the professional and dedicated approach. Tomorrow will be our last official day and we want to ensure that all students have a normal and fulfilling experience.

Year 11

Once registered with their Tutors year 11 will have a leaver's breakfast during tutor time to celebrate their commitment and achievements in their school journey. They will also have the *infamous* leavers' assembly during period 5.

Year 11 / 13

We are advising them to continue to prepare acquiring the skills and knowledge they will need to take their next steps in the world:

- We don't know yet what will happen in the future or with assessing outcomes
- We **will** let you know as soon as we know
- We do know that exams will **not** be taken in May / June

We are encouraging them to '*Control the controllables*'

- You can't control external decisions
- You can control what you are doing. This includes continuing with any coursework and learning, and remaining upskilled

As a school we are very well set up to provide realistic information about your performance. We have not been asked for this yet but we are ready for this eventuality.

The last 5 / 7 years have been productive - you have been amazing – and you have learnt a lot. We understand how disappointed you are, but want to remind you that it is the learning that is important. *Life is the journey not the destination.*

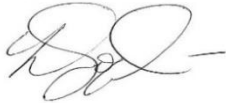
General message for All

To our exceptional pupils thank you for being in and for being so co-operative this week, it is always such a pleasure to see you. To parents, thank you for your support and ensuring your children get as much normality as they can in these testing times.

Please be empathetic of others – none of us have any idea what others are going through at the moment and this is a stressful time for many people. You can help by going about your business tomorrow with the minimum amount of fuss.

We will continue to be open and provide support for you until the end of the day tomorrow. There will be assemblies for all year groups tomorrow to inform the children about next week. There is a variety of support available at school and online, please contact us if you have any concerns, no matter how small.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D Butler', written in a cursive style.

Mr D Butler
Principal