

Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware, there have been multiple confirmed cases of coronavirus in Year 11 this week. We have followed the DfE procedure and spoken to DfE, PHE and Hampshire County Council's Education Department every time. I am very aware of parental concerns but please bear in mind that all schools have been placed in a very challenging situation and we are trying our hardest to meet the various directions given to us by the Government. We are not alone in suffering from multiple cases in a year group and there are no secondary schools closed in Hampshire. The advice from the DfE, PHE and county remains to keep the school and year group bubbles open wherever possible.

However, we have so few students remaining in Year 11 that it makes sense to swap to online learning. This means that Year 11 teachers will be able to deliver their lesson via Teams. The benefit of this is that the members of staff can concentrate on delivering a high quality lesson to all students online. I confirmed this with the schools' Governors and PHE on Friday.

Therefore I suggest that all Year 11 remain at home until after Christmas. This allows us an environment where we can focus on Teams lessons and at the same time allows a 'reset' for the year group to start again in January. If you do not want your child to remain at home and they are not self-isolating or when their self-isolation has finished then they can return to school. However, if your child does return to school before Christmas, they will be based in the LRC and their work will be to access the lessons via Teams the same way they would if they were at home. If you do decide to send your child back to school before Christmas, please contact us so we can confirm the end date of self-isolation for your child before they return. Ideally all Year 11 will remain at home.

I am very aware that we are getting closer to the GCSEs and it is unlikely that the Government will swap to CAGs again this year. We will send the mock grades home next week along with a predicted grade and a prediction plus grade. There is a Year 11 Parents' Evening in January and this will take place online. We trialled it with Year 7 and it worked well. If you need to speak to a member of staff concerning the progress of your child before the Parents' Evening please feel free to contact the school. I will be reviewing the Year 11 mock results with staff and will be in touch with parents if the review flags up any significant concerns.

I know all teachers are keen to remind Year 11 students that there will be work set on the Student Hub as well as the online lessons via Teams. Students attending Teams lessons will be marked as present. GCSE Pod is also a further resource available. At this point in Year 11, it is really important students access these opportunities. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Chipping'.

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