

29<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Unfortunately, with the upward trend in Covid-19 cases in the local area once again and other seasonal illness, we are seeing a dramatic effect on staffing levels. The Hampshire supply teacher agencies are continuing to report difficulties in meeting the needs of schools across the county and as Covid-19 cases increase, this will undoubtedly put more strain on the system.

In order to ensure the health and safety of our students and maintain a quality provision of education, the Academy has already taken internal steps to address staff absence and ensure continuity of teaching. However, it has now become necessary to close the school to one Year group in order to be able to adequately staff the others.

We are going to prioritise the learning of our Key Stage 4 students with an emphasis on supporting Year 11 students, as they prepare for their examinations. On this occasion the Academy will be closed to **Year 8** students only on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March. This decision has been taken as this year group is most affected by the staff absence currently. Students will be set English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities work online via the Classcharts Homework section.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that it is an INSET day on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. With staffing levels permitting we will be open to all year groups as normal next week.

Thank you to everyone for their continued support as we try to manage this difficult situation.

Yours faithfully



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