



19<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Students, Staff, Parents and Carers,

## Staff Absence and Illness

Unfortunately, we have an extremely high number of staff unwell and absent from school with what seems to be a wave of winter cough, cold or flu. Today, we have 18 staff absent from school and the number is unlikely to improve tomorrow or for the next few days. Therefore, to help parents and carers plan ahead and to keep our students safe whilst onsite, we have taken the decision to reduce student numbers onsite for the remaining days of this term.

### The following year groups will work from home:

- **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Year 9 will study from home.** Y9 Students will receive an invitation to attend a live English lesson period 1, a live Maths lesson period 2 and a live Science lesson period 3 via TEAMS. Periods 4 and 5 are Creative Options/PE - work for these options will be set on Go 4 Schools for students to complete independently.
- **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December: Year 10 will study from home** – Y10 students will receive work on Go 4 Schools for their options subject period 1, a live English lesson period 2, a live Maths lesson period 3 and periods 4 and 5 will be live Science lessons. Students will be invited via TEAMS to attend period 2-5.
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: Year 12 will be working independently from home** to ensure they are planned and prepared for their mocks, they will be sent some materials to help them with this. Please refer to the previous letter for further details on these arrangements.

This is far from ideal. However, we do feel well set up for high quality remote learning even with such depleted staffing. If you have questions about remote learning, access to technology (we have several laptops and Ipads that we can loan out), please get in touch with your child's Progress Leader.

Despite staff absence, our students' behaviour and attitudes in school have in the main, been exceptional. We have had a high level of Cover and Supply staff recently and it is really important that your child **respects and values any adult** in the room who is there to facilitate learning when the usual teacher is unable to do so.

We remain vigilant in our efforts to maximise safety for all, please support us by talking to your child about their own routines and behaviour. Basic hygiene remains a priority and students should continue to wash hands and sanitise regularly through the day.

Stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Garrity  
Headteacher