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GIRLS' ACADEMY**

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**Full closure for students with skeleton provision**

Due to the significant reduction in staffing levels including teaching, educational support, and catering staff we are not able to offer our students the high-quality provision they are entitled to. A significant number of these absences are a result of Coronavirus related isolations due to Government guidance. **There are however no reported cases of Coronavirus in either our staff or students.**

As a result of the unprecedented circumstances we are facing I have been left with no option but to move to a full closure from this Friday for all students.

Here is an overview of the steps we are taking:

- Full closure for years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 from 2.20pm on Wednesday 18th March
- Full closure for years 11 and 13 from 2.20 pm on the Thursday 19th March
- All students to return on Monday 20th April, unless national policy dictates further closures are required
- All learning to be recorded on our VLE Firefly by teachers utilising Seneca Learning, Hegarty Maths, and Century Tech where appropriate
- Students can continue to engage with their teachers through Firefly or email if necessary
- Y11 Drama students will be expected to attend on Thursday 19 March for their external examination
- Years 12 and 13 to work at home with laptops provided by the academy throughout full period of closure
- From Thursday 19th March skeleton provision begins from 10.00 – 13.00 for years 7, 8, 9, and 10 on the ground floor of Walker Block for families who will struggle to arrange childcare as a result of our closure. This will be staffed by SLT, teaching staff, academic coaches and support staff. IT provision will be available
- From Friday 20th March skeleton provision will be provided for Y11 for independent study on the ground floor of Walker Block and the library. IT provision will be available
- From Monday 23rd March skeleton provision will continue from 10.00 – 13.00 for years 7, 8, 9, 10 on the ground floor of Walker Block for families who will struggle to arrange childcare. *This will remain under review if national policy changes*
- From Monday 23rd March skeleton provision from 10.00 – 13.00 for year 11 will continue for independent study on the ground floor of Walker Block and the library. IT provision will be available. *This will remain under review if national policy changes*

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- From Thursday 19th March until Friday 3rd April all students eligible for Free School Meals will be able to visit our canteen from 11.30 – 13.00 and receive a hot meal. Students must be free of any symptoms of Coronavirus and currently not self-isolating as a family/household.
- For students accessing the skeleton provision, independent study or a hot meal there will be no expectation for them to wear their uniform.
- All skeleton provision and access for Free School Meals will end at 1pm on Friday 3rd April.

During our closure students and families are free to contact the following key people for additional help, support or guidance.

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Moving forward I will continue to update you through our website if the national picture changes.

All being well I look forward to welcoming the students back on Monday 20th April at 8.30.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Qamar Riaz

Headteacher