

Dear parents,

As you have probably heard all schools in England will close to most students at the end of the day on Friday.

Unfortunately, we still do not have full details from the government but we have been planning to open school for children of key workers and other students who need our support.

School will continue to send texts and refer you to the website for updates. Please always do that as soon as possible.

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We are assuming that this closure will be for many weeks and so it is essential that we create a structure to support all our young people. All the teachers are planning and setting work that pupils have already started to access. Please note that they are not expected to complete it all straight away or print all the materials off – students can complete work with pen and paper or in Word documents or similar applications. We will send more details about learning online in the coming days.

We obviously have concerns that Year 10's GCSE and BTEC preparation will be affected by the closure so it is even more important that they keep up with work set by staff. We would like all Year 10 pupils not affected by self-isolation to come into school tomorrow from 8.45 to 9.30. In that time we will show them how to use the remote learning platform we have set up.

I would suggest that as well as academic work we need to encourage pupils to look after their physical and mental health. There are many resources across the internet. The following is a link to a video for parents to consider how they support their child's mental health.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZnANLAcPRZ4&feature=youtu.be>

We also think pupils should take opportunities to exercise, be creative and learn new non-academic skills. We will send out suggestions regularly. We will also start sending our daily prayer and reflection so that pupils have the opportunity to start their day in a reflection or prayer. I hope you find them useful too.

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We do appreciate your support in what is an anxious time for us all. Our faith tells us that we will get through this time by supporting one another and trusting in God. Schools will open again and we look forward to the next time we will all gather as a community. Until then please take care of one another and keep the Our Lady's Community in your prayers.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Seddon