



30 November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Staff absences are significant and rising and we are in the unfortunate position of having to cancel some face-to-face lessons and ask older students to stay home for some of the remainder of this week. In making our decisions we have tried to minimise academic disruption.

Based on our current planning, lessons will **NOT** take place at the following times for the following year groups:

Year group	No lessons on	Comments
Year 9	Friday 3 December (all day)	Reduced academic impact due to Games in the afternoon
Year 10	Thurs 2 December (all day)	Full day of teaching
Year 11	Thurs 2 December (lessons 5-6 only)	Will be missing Games only
Year 12	Wednesday 1 December (all day) and Thursday 2 December (lessons 5-6 only)	Wednesday lessons 1 – 3 and Thursday lessons 5-6 are enrichment for nearly all Y12 students
Year 13	Wednesday 1 December (lessons 1 – 3 only) and Thursday 2 December (lessons 5 – 6 only)	Wednesday lessons 1 – 3 and Thursday lessons 5-6 are enrichment for nearly all Y13 students. Some Year 13s are scheduled to be in mock exams which they should attend as planned.

Year 9, 10 and 11 students should **not** attend school on the days/lessons stated above.

Year 12 and 13 students may attend school on the days/lessons stated above if they wish to undertake Private Study. It is essential that students sign in and out at Reception in case of emergency if they are choosing to attend.

Within the constraints of illness, we will do our best to try to provide some remote learning. If your son/daughter's subject teacher isn't well enough to provide specific remote learning please ask your son/daughter to log in to their usual learning platforms such as MyMaths, Itslearning, Seneca, Everlearner etc.

Please note that this remains a fluid situation. Depending on our level of staffing, it is possible we will need to cancel other lessons. It seems likely that we will also experience disruption next week. We will provide an update towards the end of this week and would appreciate it if you could please check your email and phone messages frequently, including early each morning.

Please bear with us as we work through the challenges caused by staff illness and isolation.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher