



25th March 2022

Dear students, parents and carers,

Thank you to all families for your support with the contingency plans we have had to put in place as a college over the last week. These have been difficult decisions to make, and only ever made as a last resort for reasons of operational safety in the school.

Unfortunately, due to continued critical levels of staff absence, we are still not able to accommodate all students on site as we move into next week. This situation is exacerbated by the inability to secure supply teachers, due to large numbers of covid-19 cases amongst them as well as our own teachers. To help alleviate these pressures and to ensure that the school site is operationally safe for as many students as possible, specific year groups will be asked to learn remotely. We understand that this will be inconvenient for parents and students, however this is unavoidable on the grounds of health and safety.

The following plan will be in place for **Y8 students** only next week:

- **Online learning** from home on **Monday 28th** and **Tuesday 29th March**
- Will **return to college** for lessons on **Wednesday 30th March for the rest of the week.**

Year 8 students will follow the stand alone schedule below for their learning on Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th March. This replaces their normal timetabled lessons. All online learning will be accessible via their **google classroom** learning platform:

### **Monday 28th March**

Period 1 - English  
Period 2 - Science  
Period 3 - Physical Education  
Period 4 - Creative arts  
Period 5 - Social studies

### **Tuesday 29th March**

Period 1 - Physical Education  
Period 2 - History  
Period 3 - Creative arts  
Period 4 - Geography  
Period 5 - Mathematics

We look forward to welcoming all other students into school on Monday morning to follow their normal timetable. However, we are increasing our on site procedures to reduce viral transmission by; not having assemblies or large student gatherings, advising all students to wear masks in communal areas, maintaining air flow in classrooms and increased touch point cleaning throughout the day.

I hope all students will continue to keep their high standards whilst working online. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any clarification or questions you may have. I would like to take this opportunity and thank you for your ongoing support at this challenging time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Philip Ruse', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Philip Ruse, Vice Principal