

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am sure most of you will already be aware of this afternoon's announcement that, after the end of the school day on Friday all schools, including Westfield, will be closed indefinitely to all students except those who are classed as vulnerable and those whose parents are key workers. The government also announced that GCSE exams will not go ahead as planned.

I understand that this is very difficult and upsetting news, particularly for our Year 11 students who have worked so hard to prepare for their GCSE exams. Please be assured that I will be working closely and tirelessly with our team of staff, colleagues from Chorus Trust and the Local Authority to ensure we do everything we can to continue to educate and keep safe all our students and to ensure our Year 11s are able to progress into further education and training. We will send further details about our plans for the coming weeks tomorrow once more information has been shared with us.

With regard to the remainder of this week, please note the following important details:

- School will remain open to students in years 7, 10 and 11. All students in these years groups who are not ill or self-isolating should attend.
- School is closed to students in year 8 and 9, other than those whose parents are key workers (NHS staff, social workers, carers or delivery drivers).
- Year 8 and 9 children of key workers should report to main reception at 09.00am.
- Please refer to the attached guidance on using the Weduc app to access home learning. This will be the way we set work for all students while school is closed
- Year 8 or 9 student who do not have access to the Weduc home learning app may drop into school to get support in signing up to Weduc if they need it. Year 9 students requiring this support should report to reception tomorrow between 10.00 and 12.15. Year 8 students requiring this support should report to reception tomorrow between 12.15 and 14.30.
- No PE lessons will take place in the swimming pool for the rest of the week.
- HPV injections were planned for Year 9 students next week. These will now take place when school reopens.
- The Year 9 photography exam cannot go ahead next week as planned.
- Year 8 and 9 students on free school meals will receive a separate message regarding how they can access a free school meal for the remainder of this week. Different arrangements will be made from Monday.
- There will be an assembly for Year 11 students at 8.45 tomorrow morning. We will be providing support for our Year 11s throughout tomorrow and Friday.

Thank you to everyone in our school community for your continued support and understanding.

Joe Birkbeck
Head of Westfield School