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Dear Year 11 Parent / Carer

Year 11 students to remain at home 12th November – 19th November

I am writing to inform you that regrettably I have taken the decision to close the school to Year 11 students for the rest of this week and most of the following week (12th November – 19th November). This is due to 3 confirmed Covid-19 cases amongst students in Year 11 in the past few days. Students should return on Friday 20th November.

I can assure you that this has not been an easy decision to make and I would like to share the reasons behind it with you:

- We have already had to send over 75 students in Year 11 home in the last few days as close contacts of the positive cases and further cases are a possibility.
- Remaining at home for this period could protect further Year 11 students from having the virus.
- Year 11 mock exams are due, and currently we would have a significant number of students absent for the exams
- We also have a number of staff who are absent for reasons related to Covid-19.

As a result, we are planning to postpone the start of mock exams to Friday 20th November. A revised exam timetable will be sent out in due course.

Online Learning:

While at home, students should continue to study. Instructions on how to do this are as follows:

As far as possible, teachers will use either Microsoft Teams to deliver live lessons or voiceover powerpoints, at the time at which students would have had their lesson. In some cases, this will not be possible because of staff absence or where we have to use them to cover classes for younger students who are still in school. It may be that where teachers have 2 classes in the same subject that the same lesson will be used for both classes. Some work is therefore likely to be set on MILK, and may include PowerPoints with teacher instructions. Links to Microsoft Teams lessons will normally be sent via MILK. **As you are aware we had already planned to move from MILK to Classcharts on Monday 16th November, so from that date we will be using Classcharts only and not MILK to set work and send links.**

It is important that all of our Year 11 students attend these live lessons at the normal time, and I will ask teachers to take a register so that non-attendance can be followed up.

Where resources are stored in Foldr then students should access this at



www.abbeygrangeacademy.co.uk where there is a link on the homepage. Students use their IT username and password to login.

I know that this news is far from ideal but we will do all we can to support you and your child through these extraordinary times.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Norden
Principal