



10th November 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer

Closure to Pupils in Year 9 - Wednesday 11th November – Friday 13th November

I am writing to you because we are currently experiencing unprecedented levels of staff absence linked to Coronavirus. Whilst we do not have any positive cases amongst our teaching body, several members of staff have been asked to self-isolate due to circumstances outside their control, i.e. NHS track and trace. As such we have undertaken a review of our risk assessment and operational plans and as a result have taken the decision to reduce the number of pupils on site.

We have reviewed our cover requirements for the remainder of this week and we have no option but to close a year group. Unfortunately, we have made the difficult decision to close to pupils in Year 9, as this year group is impacted most by the staff absence.

Online Learning

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

- Students will receive daily work which will be set on Microsoft Teams as per their timetable.
- This work may include live lessons on Microsoft Teams or PowerPoints with teacher instruction saved on Teams.
- Students use their IT username and password to log on and have been shown how to do this in school. Instructions have also been emailed home with this information on.

Where a student does not have IT access from home, a work pack will be delivered within 48 hours.

Please contact Mr Wood, Head of Year 9, by emailing cwood@bishopyoungacademy.co.uk in the first instance, or by calling 0113 2739100, should your child experience difficulty in accessing their work. Also, please contact Mr Wood regarding access to free school meals if you are eligible, or email info@bishopyoungacademy.co.uk

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. I know that this news will present students and families with significant challenge and we will continue to work with you through these extraordinary times.

Yours faithfully

Rachael Cole
Head of School

