

18th March 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

COVID-19 UPDATE

Following the self-isolation of 3 more members of staff today, I have taken the decision to open the school to **Years 7 and 11 only tomorrow and Friday**. I am aware that this is becoming very difficult for parents and that the uncertainty around school closure is not helping. We are doing all that we can to remain partially open and support the year groups we can. Years 9 and 10 have had work uploaded to Class Charts and can also access work via student resources (Year 8 have already had this). All those without home equipment or IT access, will have paper packs given to them today.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to make you aware of the following:

- Year 7 parents' Consultation evening is postponed until further notice
- Y9 option booklets (which are due in on Monday) should be dropped off at school please; if you are unable to do so, could you email Mr Zell directly, clearly stating your child's name and six options in order of preference (dzell@johnogaunt.excalibur.org.uk). If you have already emailed us or returned the booklet, there is no need for you / your child to do anything else at this stage
- Y10 Careers' appointments cannot be postponed; however, to facilitate one-to-one meetings tomorrow, I have selected 8 Hungerford students who could walk to school, for their individual meetings. **If you have not been contacted separately, assume that your child does not have a meeting.**

Please be advised that students who are not in school need to limit their 'social contacts' and spend time, working at home. Work completed should be emailed / returned to staff, if possible.

A reminder that if your child suffers from a temperature or continuous cough, the whole of your family should self-isolate for 14 days.

I will update you again on Friday, to make you aware of Monday's arrangements.

Kindest regards,



Mrs C Walker
Head of School