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**KING EDWARD VI
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: School closure for Years 9, 10 and 12

Regrettably, due to increasing staff absences brought about by recommended Coronavirus related isolations, we have taken the decision to **close school to students in Years 9, 10 and 12 from tomorrow Thursday, 19th March 2020**. Year 12 students will be allowed to leave school from 12.50pm on Wednesday, 18th March 2020 with Years 9 and 10 finishing at 3.35pm as usual. The Green Bus services will run as scheduled.

Students in **Years 7, 8, 11 and 13** should continue to attend school as usual.

Students in Years 9, 10 and 12 should not return to school until the start of the Summer term (20th April 2020). We will communicate with you again before this time to confirm the position for the week commencing 20th April 2020 when we hope to be able to welcome all students back following the Easter holiday.

Staff will prepare materials for students which can support their learning at home; all students have been given information as to how they can access on-line learning, the school's expectations of them during this time and what they should do if they ever feel unsafe or need additional support. We would ask students to check their emails and Microsoft Teams regularly and try to establish a structure to their day, mirroring the amount of time they would usually spend on each curriculum area in their approach to working at home. Students are encouraged to communicate with their teachers if they have queries about their learning, wish to submit work for assessment or would like to request additional extension work.

Similarly, students can contact their form tutor or Head of Year to seek guidance and support if they need it.

If your child is unable to access the learning and unable to complete work due to illness, please use your own judgement to decide how much of the work they have missed can be completed once they are well again. If your child is diagnosed with COVID-19, we should be grateful if you could let us know.

Thank you for your support in this matter. We know that you and our students will do all you can to limit the impact of the current situation. We will continue to do all we can to support you and our students through this period. Please take good care of yourselves and those in your local community. We very much look forward to seeing all students back in school in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

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Headmaster

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