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Dear Parents/Carers

Temporary suspension of school for Year 9 ONLY

Due to a number of staff currently self-isolating, the availability of cover is not adequate to keep all parts of the school open. The decision to close the school for Year 9 only has not been taken lightly and we aim to close for only as long as staffing remains inadequate.

Year 9 are not to attend school from Wednesday 18th March until further notice.

Students from families of key workers may come to school as normal and should meet at 8.40am in the school restaurant.

The current situation is dynamic and we will update parents and carers as government briefings give further guidance.

How we will keep learning from home

- All students have a school email account and should be viewing their emails daily.
- Students have left school today with a booklet of paper resources from each subject.
- All students should follow their normal timetable at home, by logging into Office 365 and joining their lesson through their class Team at the start time for each class.

Teachers will be providing work through the Team and using the “Post” facility to communicate with the students.

Where practicable, teachers will endeavor to give feedback in line with our school assessment policy; some work set will be research or self-marked tasks, with some needing uploading for a teacher assessment.

Students should check their email each morning to see the list of staff unable to be in their lesson Team – work will still be set as cover where this is the case in the Team. All other staff, whether in school or self-isolating, will be able to join their class via Teams for their lesson.

We understand that this letter may raise questions – please direct these to admin@mmat.co.uk and we will respond in line with our communication guidance.

Thank you for your understanding and support at this unprecedented time.

Yours sincerely

Alison Pearson
Headteacher

