

Our Ref: SHN/ADL/CVletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Following yesterday's announcement from the Government that we are now moving to the 'Delay' stage of their response to the spread of Coronavirus, the most up-to-date advice and information for the public can be at <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response> . I am writing to update you with additional information on the school's plans.

Precautionary planning for school closure

We have made plans to minimise disruption to teaching and learning if the Coronavirus creates staff or student absence in the coming weeks. This includes planning for full school closure, although the Government is not advising this at present.

Should there be a full school closure, our provision for students will be made through **Show My Homework** as this is a learning platform all students and parents will already be familiar with. A home learning curriculum will be provided through this, more details of which will be published should there be a full closure. However in the meantime, please check that your children can access Show My Homework at home and use the attached guide or contact us if you are experiencing any problems.

We anticipate being able to communicate through the usual text, website and email methods in the event of a closure so please ensure you are checking these regularly.

School Events and Trips

Each event and trip is risk assessed individually and we will of course follow any government advice and communicate any changes to those involved as soon as we are able to. We will be communicating separately with those involved in the Athens trip over Easter, as soon as we can obtain specific details from the tour operator and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

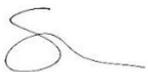
Exams

Preparation for these, including next week's Year 11 mock exams and other GCSE assessments will continue as normal, unless we receive new Government advice. We are assured the Department for Education and the Examination boards are monitoring the situation closely and will communicate with us as soon as possible if anything changes, but at present it is important that all students continue to prepare for these as normal.

This is of course a fast changing situation, and there are likely to be further developments in the coming days and weeks which we all need to respond to. We continue to emphasise the importance of following Government advice around hygiene and hope you will do the same with your children.

We will of course update of any further changes and measures required and appreciate your continuing support and understanding in helping us manage this highly unusual situation.

Yours faithfully



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