

Carshalton Boys Sports College



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Dear Parent/Carer

On Monday I wrote to you expressing our concern at the seriousness of the situation we find ourselves in. Following the Prime Ministers announcement yesterday on schools, we would like to share with you the plans for students in Year 13 as far as we know them at the present time.

We have some facts, but as yet not all plans for the future are clear. As and when more details are released to us, we will share them with you.

What we know today is.... in terms of school provision:

- All schools will be closed from the end of the day tomorrow until further notice
- The school will reopen on Monday (and remain open throughout holiday periods) for the children of key worker groups (to be identified by the government today), students with EHC plans, and children with a social worker
- Students eligible for free school meals will be able to come in to school to collect a packed lunch at 12.00 each day

The other key announcement yesterday that will be causing much anxiety for you and your son or daughter, is that all A-level exams this year have been cancelled. We are devastated for them, as they have put so much work in to these exams already. The Secretary of State for Education has said that he will be working with the sector to ensure that 'children get the qualifications they need'. How this will happen is not clear at the moment, but be reassured that we will do everything within our power to ensure that our students are treated fairly under whatever system is implemented.

Whilst we await further information, we are encouraging them all to carry on with their learning and any outstanding coursework. This will stand them in good stead for the next stage in their future, whether this is at university or another pathway.

Until school closes tomorrow afternoon, your son or daughter is encouraged to attend as normal in order to maintain connections with friends and staff, as well as keep up to date with any announcements.

We have told them today.....

- Things will be ok
- Focus on the things you can control
- Keep learning
- We won't forget you!

Hopefully we will be able to provide you with more details on all of the above over the next few days. As always if you have any queries or concerns please get in touch with me via contact@carshaltonboys.org.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely

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