



An Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

### Urgent Information for Year 9 for Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022

At the start of this week and over the weekend there has been an unprecedented increase in the number of WCSA teachers testing positive for Covid-19. Coupled with a significant decrease in the amount of supply teachers available, this has meant we have a very specific issue with the staffing on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Due to the shortage of teachers and supply teachers, we have made the difficult decision to **close Year 9 on Wednesday and Thursday and move to our remote learning offer for students in that year group.**

We are aware that other local schools have had to make this decision over recent weeks, but this is the first time this academic year we have had to take this step. While infection rates have been higher since half term, we have managed to maintain an in-person offer due to the flexibility and preparedness of our staff to go the extra mile, covering extra lessons and teaching combined classes. Unfortunately, the way in which infections have affected our staffing this time has not allowed us to maintain in-person learning for Year 9 for the next two days. We will of course ensure a strong remote offer and the quality of their experience and focus on their curriculum will continue online.

All students in Year 9 should log on to their Google Classroom to access their learning plan for the next two days and the appropriate links. This will be available to them tomorrow morning.

Thank you in advance for your support and should you have any questions or need any support please get in touch with your child's tutor/Head of Year via email.

Yours faithfully

Jacqui Scott  
Principal