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Dear parents/carers and students,

As we approach the end of the half term I would like to thank you for all of your support and wish you all a very restful half term break. Aside from the impact of storm Eunice today it feels like we have regained some of the 'normality' of school life this term, with Performing Arts students once again seen on stage, mock exams running and our Year 9 Options Information evening running face to face. Here's hoping that this improvement can continue through next half term too.

Explaining today's closure of the school site

The decision to close the school site today was made at 6:30 this morning after the official weather warning had been upgraded from Amber to Red overnight. In consultation with the school governors, local authority and other local headteachers we made the decision based on safety of staff and students. The following factors were taken into consideration:

- The fact that our site is flat, open and close to the coast (all of which increase the risk of damage to trees, power lines or buildings)
- The fact that we currently have high level scaffolding on the roof of the B-block which is in the centre of the school site
- The fact that trains had been cancelled (leaving many students and staff unable to get to and from school)
- The fact that the forecast was for storm force winds from 10:00 onwards and building after that. This would increase the risk of staff and students being stranded at school this afternoon.

We appreciate that the closure of the site will have impacted on many families and apologise for any inconvenience caused. All students should be accessing Remote Learning in the usual way (via Google Classroom).

COVID infection numbers among students

The number of students currently infected with COVID has remained low and is now at 24. This is obviously excellent news for the continuity of education of the vast majority of students. Staff COVID infections have also remained low over the last two weeks. Thanks to all of our families for their understanding over the previous difficult weeks.

COVID safety measures

Whilst infection rates have dropped we are maintaining many of our safety measures in school, at least until we have directives from the DfE to remove them. The continued measures include:

- Regular Lateral Flow Testing of students and staff
- Staying at home and seeking a PCR test if you have COVID symptoms (even if an LFT is negative)
- Following the rules on isolation should you have a positive LFT result
- Regular hand cleaning or sanitising
- Cleaning of work areas at the start of lessons

- Following the one-way system in school buildings

Additional information from exam boards

The GCSE and A Level exam boards have now released the additional information for students and teachers which informs us about what will be tested in each exam. Students will be provided with this information by their teachers over the coming weeks. This will allow them to prepare effectively for the final exams in May/June. If you are interested in looking at the additional information yourself you can follow the links below to the main exam board websites below:

[AQA](#)
[Edexcel](#)
[OCR](#)
[WJEC](#)

School Photographs - Years 7, 11 and Sixth Form

We are delighted to say that we have managed to rebook the school photography company to visit us on Thursday 3rd March in order to take the photos for Year 7, Year 11 and Sixth Form students. Further details will be given to students nearer the time. The company has a clear COVID safe plan for the management of the year group photos.

Many thanks for your continued support, have a lovely half term break.



Simon Liley,
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