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Dear Parents / Carers

Given the rapidly changing situation regarding Coronavirus, and the decisions made by governments across Europe, it is appropriate that the school prepares for potential school closure in the forthcoming weeks or months. As it stands, the UK Government is still choosing to keep schools open and, until they communicate otherwise, it is very difficult for us to know what they would like schooling to look like in the eventuality of school closures. Whilst we do not know what the near future is likely to bring, it makes sense that we share with you the approaches our students can take to self-study if and when schools are forced to close. This way, should anyone need to tackle any technical problems whilst they can still access their teachers easily, they will be able to do so.

The detail below will show how students can use already shared resources to revise what they have already studied. This approach would be suitable for a short-term school closure. If, for whatever reason, schools remained closed for a longer period of time, we would communicate with parents about how students might be able to access new material and work.

In Key Stage 4, students can use the Master Revision Guide to structure their self-study. All students have already been provided with logins to access this document, which uses the Microsoft Onenote software. Students will need to be able to access the internet to be able to use this resource, but they do not necessarily need to use a computer; many of our students access the Master Revision Guide on their phones. All Key Stage 4 students can use this resource to:

- Self-assess their current knowledge of the curriculum for each of the courses using the RAG (red amber green) system.
- Access targeted online revision materials to improve their knowledge for any aspect of the curriculum.
- Complete a wide range of forms of assessment activities for each subject to assess how well they are improving their knowledge of the curriculum.
- For those who have chosen to purchase them, the Master Revision Guide also provides targeted page references for the recommended revision guides for each course. All of these guides are available to buy (mostly on Amazon) with the links provided on the Master Revision Guide.

If your child needs a reminder for how to access the Master Revision Guide, a useful guidance document is linked to this letter [here](#).

Beyond the Master Revision Guide, students have also been shown how to access a wide range of alternative online learning resources. These might include, for example:

- Exam board websites to access past exam papers
- Subject specific websites such as Hegarty Maths or Corbett Maths

Your child's teachers will endeavour to remind all KS4 students of ways in which they can self-study in the event of school closure. Show My Homework is a platform that each child's teachers will use to share resources and links to support students.

In Key Stage 3, all students are at the time in the year when they are approaching their exams. Consequently, each year group has recently been provided a wide range of resources and strategies to prepare for these exams. For each subject that students will be taking an exam in, they have been provided with:

- Details of the exam content
- Guidance on how they could revise (including weblinks and ways in which students can use their exercise books for revision)

To support this process, it will be really important that students take their exercise books home with them, especially given that a decision for school closure could potentially be taken by Central Government with very little notice. I have linked each of the year group's exam preparation documents below:

- [Year 7 exam preparation document](#)
- [Year 8 exam preparation document](#)
- [Year 9 exam preparation document](#)

Beyond these resources, there are also a wide range of useful learning resources on the RM Unify learning platform. Guidance for how to access this platform can be found on our school's website and is linked [here](#). There is huge value in our students exploring the different resources available on this platform.

The purpose of communicating this information now is to try to resolve any issues before decisions are taken by the Government to close schools. We will be making the content of this letter known to the students and asking them to ensure that they are prepared for self-study, should that decision be taken. This will require them to ensure that they have access to all of the resources they need. It would be very helpful to them if you can also check with them that they are prepared for a period of self-study and to speak to their teachers in school should they have any issues or questions. This, for example, might mean they have all the necessary passwords to access online resources.

Should you have any questions about the specifics of the work being set, most of our teachers email addresses can be accessed [here](#) on our website (and if the individual teacher's email address isn't listed, please contact the appropriate Head of Department). As any new guidance is provided by the Government, we will be sure to communicate with you any changes or additions we make to this provision.

Yours sincerely



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