

19 March 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 10: Covid-19 – Academy Closure

You will have heard the news last night that, from Friday of this week (for the vast majority of students), schools will be closed until further notice. We want to reassure you that it is only the school building that is closed and that we will continue to provide resources and structure for learning via the academy website. More information will be provided as it becomes available, but we aim to have resources available for students to start using online from Monday next week.

Last night's announcement was obviously driven by urgency – the need to act quickly to an unprecedented situation – and, as such, more detail will follow. Please trust that we will work with the Department for Education to ensure all our students are able to continue to learn and develop the skills that will enable them to progress through their education. We encourage all students to focus on the work and revision provided.

We are acutely aware that the impact of closure may well be felt most strongly by Year 10 – the year group losing curriculum time closest to formal examinations. However, we also know that Year 10 are an exemplary year group who live our values every day. We completely trust Year 10 to show determination and integrity at home and stay in contact with us to make sure they maximise their learning over this unprecedented period and take further steps to enable them to achieve exceptional outcomes which will allow them to make ambitious life choices.

As always at Dixons Cottingley, we are a team and we will get through this, together with the support of our wonderful families and we will be in touch with you regularly throughout this time. The most efficient form of contact is likely to be email and via our website. Please also be aware that you may receive calls from academy staff on 'no caller ID' numbers. Please can you direct any questions you may have to the following email address during any academy closure and we will aim to respond to you as quickly as possible.

General queries - info@dixonsco.com

Safeguarding queries - safeguarding@dixonsco.com

We will be in contact as soon as we have more information to share.

Yours faithfully



Jason Patterson
Principal

