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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: COVID-19 UKAT Contingency Plans

As we await the outcome of today's latest COBRA meeting and the now daily briefing from the Prime Minister, I am following up my letter from Friday with some of the plans and changes that are happening across the Trust. A number of events are being postponed or cancelled as a precaution to protect our students, staff, families and visitors

Parent/carers evenings

All parent/carers evenings scheduled this term have been postponed, however it is still our intention to keep you informed of the progress your child is making, therefore reports from the most recent set of assessments and mock examinations will be sent by the Easter break. If you have any specific questions or require more information about the progress of your child please contact us and staff will contact you with an update, likewise, teachers may seek to contact parents/carers also.

Work Experience

Medway Education Business Partnership, (MEBP) have postponed the Year 10 week at the end of April. On Friday alone, sixty businesses withdrew their ability to support placements, making it untenable at the moment. Year 12 are due to have their week at the end of June and beginning of July, currently this is still to happen, but obviously subject to change.

Trips and events

As you may be aware, we took the decision early to postpone some of our international trips. We are now cancelling all international trips for the remainder of the academic year. Trip organisers will be in contact with parents/carers with information regarding these changes. Trips and visits in the UK are being reviewed on a case-by-case basis. In particular, trips to theatres and large venues may need to be cancelled. The Academy will cancel all evening lettings and after school electives/fixtures until further notice in order to minimise the number of people entering the building and support protocols around social distancing.

In the event of closure

Staff will be setting work daily via Edmodo and email. We also have links to some really useful online learning resources available for our young people on our website, you can find these by clicking on the pop up box on the homepage.

The difference between flu and COVID-19

We reminded students last week through assemblies and personal tutoring with regards to this, but please do let us know if your child displays any of the COVID-19 symptoms; a persistent cough or high temperature, as they should stay at home for seven days and self-isolate. There is so much information circulating about when or when to not self-isolate that you may find useful. Below is a table published by the Business Insider to explain symptoms of COVID-19 and how they differ from a cold or flu.

COVID-19 compared to other common conditions				
SYMPTOM	COVID-19	COMMON COLD	FLU	ALLERGIES
Fever	Common	Rare	Common	Sometimes
Dry cough	Common	Mild	Common	Sometimes
Shortness of breath	Common	No	No	Common
Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common	Sometimes
Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common	No
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Common	No
Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhea	Rare	No	Sometimes*	No
Runny nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes	Common
Sneezing	No	Common	No	Common

*Sometimes for children

Sources: CDC, WHO, American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology BUSINESS INSIDER

I will keep you aware of any updates or changes that may occur to the information currently outlined in this letter. Please contact us should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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