

19 March 2020

Dear Families of Year 10

You will have heard the news that from Friday 20 March 2020 (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. More information will be provided as it becomes available, please refer to 'What to do... working from home'.

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 examination. However, we also know that Year 10 are an exemplary year group who live our values every day. We completely trust Year 10 to work hard at home and stay in contact with us to make sure they maximise their learning over this unprecedented period.

As always at Dixons Kings, we are a team and we will get through this, together with the support of our families, and we will be in touch with you regularly throughout this time. The most efficient form of contact is likely to be email but please also be aware that you may receive calls from academy staff on 'no caller ID' numbers and, if you need to speak to someone, it is unlikely that the main academy number will be staffed. Instead, please email info@dixonska.com

To support home learning we have issued all students with an email address and password to access Microsoft 365. If your child attended on Thursday this week, they will have received this in form time. If your child was absent it will be posted home and you should receive it early next week. Please read the enclosed information and log into your emails for further guides.

If you have not received your log in details or you have a password reset request please email the info@dixonska.com

Look after yourselves and your family, and I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Kind regards

Richard Wilson
Principal

