

18th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer.

## **Important Update from the Principal**

All schools have been directed by the Government to close for the majority of students from the end of the day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March until further notice due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We will however be expected to continue to provide provision for those students whose parents are key workers (NHS, Emergency Services etc.) and we are awaiting further guidance on what form this will take.

It has also been announced that GCSE, A 'Level and Technical examinations will not take place this academic year and the government will be looking at how to ensure students get recognition for their efforts to date. Again, we are awaiting further guidance on what form this will take. We are aware that this decision will be very unsettling for students in Years 11 and 13 and we will be speaking to them about how best to manage this situation ahead of the closure.

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March the college will continue to be open to:

Students in Years 7, 8, 11 and 13

Any students whose parents work in the NHS/emergency services in Year 9

Students in Year 9, 10 and 12 will need to <u>remain at home</u> and complete work set by their teachers on Google classroom.

I will be writing to parents again at the end of the week with full details of the college's provision for all of our students during the period of partial closure.

Thank you for your continued support at this time.

Ms F Corcoran

Principal