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Please know that at the moment we are not aware of any plans to close schools in the area. However, I would like to reassure parents/carers and students that the school is working very hard to ensure that we are fully prepared for any scenario and should schools be directed to close, your child will have full access to course content, practice papers and scheduled activities/assessments via google classroom. For example, some staff may prepare video tutorials and such like to enable pupils to replay more challenging and new material which may not have been covered. Via google classroom, you may be aware that pupils can also submit their written responses which staff can mark digitally and return to your child.

For non-exam classes, similarly work will be provided via google classroom for all pupils in which to engage. For pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9, preparation for their National tests will form part of this set work.

Should there be difficulty in accessing ICT facilities at home, please can you contact your child's form tutor so that we can look to provide an alternative.

We also understand that some of our young people of course are beginning to get anxious about the possibility of "missing school" given the extent of media coverage on this issue, so also be reassured that similar messages are being conveyed to all students. Please find below at the bottom of this memo, the very specific advice given to Year 10,11,12&13 students this morning so that they too can take practical steps over the coming days, which I'm sure you will agree will stand them in good stead anyway.

We will of course continue to reinforce useful, practical advice on good hygiene; can I ask that you continue to refer to Public Health Wales for the most up-to-date advice on the precautions to take should you or your child feel unwell. I will continue to update parents/carers with any further information as soon as I receive it; please know that the school is following all advice and guidance from the Local Authority and Welsh Government whilst taking a number of additional precautionary measures such as preparing for the contingency of school closure.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, understanding and patience at this time; please be reassured that the school is doing everything possible to ensure that we are prepared for any eventuality.

Victoria Lambe

Headteacher

Message to Year 10,11,12&13 students (FYI)

We are aware that many of you are anxious about the stories of school closures around the UK, and how this might affect your preparation for exams in particular. There are simple things that can be done by students which will prove incredibly helpful on the off chance that the school receives

instructions to close. Most of these are very similar to the things you will already be considering in the build up to exams:

- Please ensure that you are a signed up member of any Google Classroom groups that exist for your classes; if we are asked to close we will be able to continue monitoring and setting work through this system.
- Ensure that you have a clear understanding of what material is covered in exams; this way you will be able to ensure that the work you do at home is relevant. Double check with your teachers if you are unsure in this.
- Make sure you know how to access any material you might need for revision; do you need specific passwords or logins etc?
- Have completed your revision timetable; you will be able to extend this to any days when you were planning to be in school and it will help give structure to your revision.
- Take home with you any material which you need to work from home that is currently left or stored in school.

If, like many businesses, the school does close it is worth remembering that people are being guided to work from home. It would be easy to not use any time at home productively, however in such circumstances, staff will be working from home to ensure that work on Google Classroom is relevant, is tracked and is available, and without doubt the expectation is that pupils would do the same.

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