



Our Reference: KH/GHR  
7<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

## Partial school closure – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020

I am extremely disappointed and sorry to inform you that school will remain closed on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November** for all students except those in Year 11 and a small number in Year 12. This follows an update today from the external contractors working on the fire alarm system.

As a leadership team and staff body we are very disappointed with this development. I am sure you will appreciate that this is due to circumstances beyond our control, and that safety of all must be our priority, but we are very aware of the disruption this causes.

Some areas of the school system have been finished and tested and these areas can be used. This includes the Sports Hall, S block and the Elliot Medway building. The work on the remainder of the school, which includes the main block, will not be completed until Monday.

The following actions have been completed by engineers:

- New control panel wall-mounted and linked to alarm system
- Testing and fault finding
- Visual/audial checks of existing installed sounder, strobes, smoke alarms and break glass points.

We have been assured that the remaining work will be completed on Monday and that school should open as normal from **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**.

## Year 11 mock exams

We are keen to minimise the disruption as far as possible. Currently Year 11 students are sitting important mock examinations. As the work in parts of the school where mock exams take place has been completed and tested, school will open to allow these exams to take place. Students will attend school for these exams only and then leave the school site.

On Monday the following exams will take place. Please note that some timings have been altered.

| Time          | Exam                            | Venue       |
|---------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 8.50-10.05    | GCSE Physics (Combined Science) | Sports Hall |
| 8.50-10.35    | GCSE Physics (Triple Science)   | Sports Hall |
| 11.15 – 12.45 | GCSE Business                   | Sports Hall |
| 11.15 – 12.45 | GCSE Computing                  | Sports Hall |



Please note that the starting time for Business and Computing exams has been brought forward from that published on the mock exams timetable. The Textiles practical exam (11D) will be rescheduled to allow students full access to resources in the main school later in the term.

### Notes

- Students should arrive at school for 8.30am and use the Storrs Road entrance only.
- Year 11 students not studying Business or Computing will leave site after their Physics exam.
- Year 11 students who study Business or Computing are asked to bring with them any revision resources to use between the exams.
- Students can bring a snack into school. No catering will be available on Monday.
- Students who have Access Arrangements, including extra-time, will be provided for in the usual manner.

### GCSE Autumn resits – Maths exam

Following the summer award of exam grades, students were able to choose to resit if they were not happy with their grade. These exams have now started and on Monday we have a Maths exam. This exam will take place as planned.

### Remote learning

To ensure the impact on students is minimised, work will be set by teachers remotely. Please encourage your child to check Show My Homework for the work set by their teachers for the lessons due to take place on Monday. Teachers will be available during their timetabled lessons to receive notifications and messages via Show My Homework from students who have any questions. If your child is unsure how to contact their teacher via the notification function of Show My Homework please click on the link below:

<https://help.satchelone.com/en/articles/2911863-leaving-comments-for-your-teachers>

If you have any issues connecting with Show My Homework please check the school website for useful video tutorials or contact Mr Styles on [k.styles@brookfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:k.styles@brookfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)

I apologise once again for the inconvenience this might cause you and your family. If you have any questions please get in touch on [enquiries@brookfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@brookfield.derbyshire.sch.uk).

Yours faithfully



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