

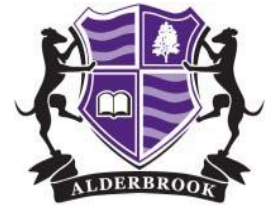
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Dear Parents and Carers

We understand that this evening's announcement by the Prime Minister, with the majority of students not attending school until at least after February half term, will have a large impact on all our students and families.

We will work hard to consider all the latest guidance and will communicate with you in the coming days on how we intend to support all students through this difficult time. This evening's announcement has particular implications for those due to sit GCSEs and A Levels this summer. With the cancellation of these exams, we will be issuing more information to Year 11 and 13 as soon as we can but in the meantime we ask you not to worry, we will do everything we can to enable the students to get the results that they deserve and ensure that their hard work will be recognised. **At time of writing this letter, it has not been confirmed whether the Year 10 and 11 public exams due to take place in the next two weeks (in Music, Engineering, Sports Studies, Info Tech and Health & Social Care) will go ahead so we will communicate with relevant students as soon as we have this information tomorrow.**

In the short term, this evening's announcement will not impact our plans for remote learning for all students from tomorrow, 5th January. Students should log onto Microsoft Teams and follow their normal timetable. As some staff have this evening been left with no options for childcare tomorrow, with some Primary Schools remaining shut tomorrow to organise Critical Worker Provision, please understand that some teachers will not be able to offer remote teaching tomorrow, but will still place resources on Microsoft Teams for students to access.

The school is open tomorrow and moving forward, as planned, to vulnerable students and children of critical workers who have signed up for onsite provision.

I will record a message for all students to view tomorrow, and will write to all parents and carers with more information as soon as possible,

With very best wishes

Tom Beveridge
Headteacher