



CANNOCK CHASE HIGH SCHOOL

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My Ref: CM

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Date :

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope you are keeping safe and well during these strange times. As you can hopefully appreciate, with the national picture as it is at the moment with regards to education and school closure, we are trying as much as possible to make plans for the future which benefit our students, whilst ensuring that they are able to progress onto their chosen destination at the end of Year 13. With this in mind, we have made a number of decisions regarding the end of Year 12.

Year 12 Exams

In light of the fact that students have missed a number of weeks of teaching, we have made the decision to cancel the end of Year 12 exams. We do not feel that it would be appropriate to ask students to sit an exam after weeks of home learning, and the time taken to complete examinations will also take away from vital time in the classroom. This does not mean that staff will not set individual subject assessments; we have allowed staff the flexibility that they need to teach as they see fit. Instead, staff will be asked for predictions at the end of the year about suitability for Year 13 courses. This will be shared with students on the final day of term (Friday 17 July), with enrolment for Year 13 continuing on that day.

Work Experience

All Year 12 students were expected to complete a work experience week, beginning on Monday 13 July. We have decided to cancel this week, and instead are asking that all students continue with lessons in school. We have made this decision for two reasons; firstly, to try and ensure that students benefit from as much teaching as possible before the summer break, and secondly, because we are unsure as to whether businesses will be as accepting of work experience students after the COVID-19 pandemic. For those students who require work experience for a university application, we have a commitment to ensuring that students still complete the experience that they need, possibly during the summer holidays.

Destinations Days

Following the conclusion of the Year 12 exams, we had planned a week of destinations activities to support students in their Post-18 applications. Unfortunately, we have now made the decision to cancel these days, and instead start delivering the content remotely. Again, this decision has been made to ensure that students remain in the classroom for as long a period as possible. A full PSHE destinations programme has now been planned, with a variety of information regarding university applications, apprenticeships and employment. I will also update you later on in the term regarding some essential links for parents. To support our home learning work, should we be back in school, we have also planned a variety of activities for Thursday 16 July in the morning, when the school sports day should take place. This will allow us to deliver content that cannot be delivered remotely.

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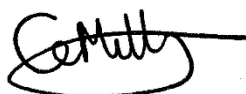
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I appreciate that the cancellation of so many events may be a worry. In all the decisions that we make, we are trying to weigh up the impact of the event, versus the impact of students missing more curriculum time. We have made the decision that our first priority should be allowing students to access taught lessons as much as possible, which has outweighed other non-curriculum events. It does not mean that students will miss out. We remain committed to supporting students as much as possible both with their studies and their Post-18 choices, and will continue to support students throughout this academic year and the next. We are aiming to provide some certainty to students in these strange times.

Thank you in anticipation of your support. Should you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Mills', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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