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Dear Parents/Carers

The decision by the Prime Minister to immediately lockdown all schools has meant that we are once again in a remote learning situation. The announcement indicates that the school will be shut, at least until after February half term, which is 15th – 19th February. The school remains open for a small group of vulnerable children and children of critical workers. Can I thank those parents who have now informed us that they no longer need the provision. If your circumstances change, please email d.farmer@cwlc.email detailing your requirements.

This lockdown is stressful for all. The normality of attending school plays a vital role in our lives. For those students in years 11 and 13 undertaking public exams, I do recognise the enormous uncertainty this decision creates. Today's announcement that A-level and GCSE examinations are unlikely to go ahead in their current format is to be welcomed.

However, it is clear that grades will now be via some form of teacher assessment. Work and evidence will need to be produced. For all students but particularly exam students, hard work now and the production of key evidence will be a vital requirement. Keep working hard has to be the message. We are planning for mock exams on students' return.

The external public BTEC and CNAT exams due to be taken this week are still scheduled to go ahead! My advice is for year 11 students to prepare for this assessment – it will not be wasted. I have asked Mrs Clark to coordinate these exams (c.clark@cwlc.email).

Furthermore, this is a time to consider future options and apply to post 16 courses. Please use our independent careers advisor p.watmore@cwlc.email to advise you.

For all, this is going to be a difficult period, a time to try to keep a learning routine and keep in remote contact with friends. This balance will be hard to maintain. For students who struggle with the work, complexity or access to EduLink, email your Director of Studies:

Mrs Burgess – Da Vinci House	w.burgess@cwlc.email
Mr Hunt – Curie House	d.hunt@cwlc.email
Mrs MacDonald – Shakespeare House	s.macdonald@cwlc.email
Miss Palmer – Pankhurst House	a.palmer@cwlc.email
Mr Syner – Seacole House	m.syner@cwlc.email
Mr Wickham – Brunel House	m.wickham@cwlc.email

In addition to the robust remote work, please look out for or collect the work booklets provided by a number of subjects. These were given to years 7-9 students prior to Christmas and are available for collection from the arts block reception between 8.00am – 3.30pm. Please observe social distancing when collecting.

I do sympathise with all who are struggling with this pandemic. We will be in regular contact and have already planned:

- Some remote assemblies in addition to work set by departments.
- The offer from the learning resource centre of the 'click and collect' book service – 12,000 books to lose yourself in! Here is the link to the Click and Collect form - <https://forms.gle/qkeS6nWxwVQVeykN8>

Thank you in anticipation of your continued support. Stay safe and keep positive – spring vaccines are coming.

Kind regards



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Governors