

Dear parent/guardian,

I am writing to inform you that I've had to take the decision to extend the period of home learning for Y9 students as a result of the pressures we are facing in staffing the academy, both in terms of teaching staff and support staff. I just wanted to let you know that this is not a decision that I have taken lightly. We absolutely will do all we can to ensure that all children can be at school as soon as possible. I have sourced a number of supply staff to try and cover lessons, support resource and intervention areas, and to cover duties. However, even with this added staff, we are still unable to fully open to all students in a way that ensures their safe and effective education on site.

I really do appreciate your support in this, and want to assure you that we will do all we can to provide quality work and support while they are working at home. I know that we can rely on your support to ensure that your child is working hard to complete the work they've been set, and maintaining their excellent effort. There are plans in place to ensure they make the most of their face to face education when they return.

Please get in touch with the school should you need any further support with IT resources, or free school meals.

To confirm, **Y9 will be returning to the academy on Tuesday the 25th of January**, and we are eager to see them return.

Thanks for your support at this difficult time.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs A Crane
Principal