

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: School Closure Update – 9th April 2020

As we approach the end of term, we want to thank you yet again for your continued support throughout this time. Although the Academy building remains closed except for emergency provision, school has continued online and we are delighted at how well students have engaged in this.

Provision Update

The Academy will be closed on Friday 10th and Monday 13th April for the Good Friday and Easter Monday bank holidays. Our provision for vulnerable students and the children of key workers will return on Tuesday 14th April. Students involved in this provision have already been briefed; however, we have included the opening times over the Easter holiday below. Please remember this provision is only for those who have already been identified and booked in.

- Tuesday 14th April 10am to 2pm;
- Thursday 16th April 10am to 2pm;
- Tuesday 21st April 10am to 2pm;
- Thursday 23rd April 10am to 2pm.

We would encourage all of our students to take time over the Easter holiday to rest, relax and recover from what has been a very unusual, challenging and stressful time for them. For students who are working remotely, teachers will not be setting work nor will be readily available to respond to queries over the Easter period; however, the Academy is still contactable using the details below.

There is an additional message to all Year 11 and Year 13 students about vocational and technical qualifications at the end of this letter. Y12 BTEC Engineering students and their parents have been contacted separately and expectations about coursework completion still need to be met.

Ongoing Communication

Please be reminded that if you need to contact the Academy throughout this period of closure, we recommend doing so by email to <u>info@wmgacademy.org.uk</u>. Telephone messages will still be routinely monitored, however you will receive a response far sooner via email communications. Please remember that any parental communications are also available on our website by clicking <u>here</u>.

In the meantime, please stay safe and well and continue to look after yourself and your loved ones.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs K Tague Executive Principal

Mr M Brady Associate Principal

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Dear Year 11 and Year 13 Students,

RE: BTEC, Cambridge National and Cambridge Technical Qualifications

As you are aware, the external summer exam series has been cancelled. The guidance that was issued from Ofqual last week clearly states that you, as students, do not need to continue working towards these exams. Schools have been given guidance on how to complete grades for GCSEs and A-Levels and this will include a teacher submitted predication, based on your achievements over the last two years.

However, at present, we have not received any guidance on BTEC, Cambridge National and Cambridge Technical qualifications. We are awaiting further clarification and, although we expect this soon, we have not been given any time frames to work with.

We know that the external exams for specific units will not go ahead and therefore students do not need to continue work on these units; however, the guidance for coursework units, unfortunately, is not explicitly clear.

Given the uncertainty about what information exam boards will require to make a final judgement on grades, our advice currently remains that you should carry on with your coursework at this stage. Your teachers, Mrs Tague, Mr Brady and I will continue to support you as much as possible to complete this work.

We do not want you to be disadvantaged in any way, so please work with us to ensure we are able to evidence the excellent work you have completed should the need arise.

When more information is available, we will be sure to pass it on to you straight away.

Best wishes,

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