

Hayle Academy

20 March 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers

As we close our doors to the vast majority of students this afternoon, it is with much sadness that I am writing to you. From now on, for the foreseeable future, only our most vulnerable students and those whose parents are keyworkers and are unable to make other arrangements, will be in school. For the safety of our children, families and communities we are being asked by our Government to isolate ourselves from each other and our corridors and classrooms are empty: we are all facing unprecedented, uncertain times.

For our Year 11 students who have spent years preparing and gearing up for the final exams, there are understandably mixed emotions. There is inevitable relief as they will no longer need to face the challenge of sitting exams. But there is anxiety too about what this will mean for their qualifications and about how their progress and achievements will now be judged. As yet, we still have no further details from the government about their plans and we will update our families on Monday when we should know more. Students are also understandably disappointed about having missed out on the traditional 'end' to their time with us: no final assembly, no last day in school and quite probably no prom. Please be assured that we will find a fitting way to celebrate our students' achievements and time with us when we are able to do so.

For all our students, there is the inevitable separation from their friends and teachers. Online learning and social media cannot replace the comfort and warmth we all feel in each other's company. Our tutors will be in regular contact with their tutor groups and we will provide wellbeing resources as well as academic resources to support our students. We expect that the school closure will be for an extended period, and if you are concerned about your child at any time over coming months, please do not hesitate to contact our safeguarding lead, Mrs Sally Truscott for advice and support. Her email is sally.truscott@hayleacademy.net.

On behalf of all of our staff team at Hayle Academy, I would like express our ongoing commitment to the education and care of our students. Your children are already much missed by their staff. Please remember that we are here to help, and to provide advice and support to our families if you need us.

We will be in regular contact over coming weeks and months and will keep our families updated throughout. Our thoughts are with you, our parents, as you cope with the most challenging of circumstances. If you need our support, please don't hesitate to contact us.

With my kind regards

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