

5th January 2021

School Closure/National Lockdown January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following Boris Johnson's announcement last night, we are doing everything we can to respond swiftly and effectively to support all of our students and their families throughout the coming weeks. We understand that this is a difficult time for you and your families and that the announcement was unexpected. As I am sure you will understand, we also rely on the briefing for accurate updates. As of today, all primary and secondary schools will be closed other than for vulnerable students and children of critical workers.

As we have now entered a national lockdown, we will be insisting on 2m social distancing for all staff and students who are on site. The limited numbers within the building during this period allow us to ensure existing safety measures and precautions are rigorously maintained.

It is a legal requirement for students to continue their online learning. Lessons will continue to be live streamed where possible via Google Classroom- student timetables can be accessed via Show My Homework and Google Classroom, and under the My Student tab of the My Ed app. Attendance to live lessons will be monitored to ensure that students are making the most of their online provision and we will be reporting these figures to the local authority.

If you do not have adequate access to ICT please contact the office as soon as possible and we will do our best to support you and ensure that students do not miss out on valuable learning time. We will also take this into consideration when running attendance reports so please make sure that you speak to us about any problems you foresee.

The academy website contains a wealth of information about how to use Google Classroom as well as solutions to other common ICT problems- this can be found under the 'COVID-19 Learning' tab.

- For Google Classroom password resets please email t&l@theboulevardacademy.com
- For Show My Homework password resets please email info@theboulevardacademy.com
- For MyMaths password or Hegarty Maths password resets, please message your maths teacher via Google Classroom.

COVID Self-testing will still be offered to students who are currently attending school (critical worker/vulnerable students) however we anticipate that all students will be offered tests when schools reopen. Please be aware that this may be subject to change depending on Government guidance.

We are extremely keen to ensure that students have the opportunity to speak with a member of the pastoral team regularly, they will therefore receive a weekly catch-up call to discuss any queries or concerns they may have.

For year 11 students, deadlines for college courses and apprenticeships are imminent with all applications to Wyke College needed by Wednesday 15th January. Predicted grades will be sent via MyEd on Tuesday 5th January, these are the grades required to complete the application. Please do contact the school and leave a message for Mrs. Marshall in the first instance if you would like any support with this.

Finally, we would like to thank you all for your continued support and understanding as we make strides to get through these difficult times. If you feel that there is anything at all we can help you with, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please also remember that we have several support agencies we can direct you to if we are unable to solve your query, Mrs Bentley will be able to provide you with more information.

- Hull Unity Shop (can provide food parcels)
- Hull Homeless Charity (can provide support to families at risk of homelessness)
- Advotalk
- Barnardos
- Headstart
- Kooth (students can access free online counselling)

As always, we wish you all well and hope that you are all keeping yourselves and your families safe. We are incredibly proud to be part of such a caring and strong community and look forward to when we can welcome all of our students back to the academy.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Mitchell
CEO/Principal