



Dear parents/carers,

I hope everyone has managed to stay cool and safe indoors over the past two days. I appreciate moving to remote learning is never ideal; a big well done to all of our students who have adapted to a new, albeit temporary, way of working. I'd like to thank our parents/carers too for juggling their own work commitments with childcare and encouraging the students to get online.

You may already be aware that the Met Office have now extended the red heat warning in the Crawley area to Friday evening. This represents "*population-wide adverse health effects experienced, not limited to those most vulnerable to extreme heat, leading to serious illness or danger to life*".

On this basis we have made the difficult decision to **remain closed on Friday 26th June**. This is not a decision we have taken lightly but we feel it is necessary and appropriate given the health risks caused by the heat. I have received many messages of support for the decision to close on Wednesday and Thursday; I apologise for having to ask for your understanding here again.

Teachers will again set online work for students via their email accounts. If there are students who do not have access to online resources and require extra paper-based work for Friday this can be collected in-person from our school reception between 08.30 and 09.30 on Friday morning.

This additional day's closure means that the Year 10/12 Mock exam timetable will need redrafting. Students can disregard the version sent by Mr. Pittaway this morning – he will send version 3 to students tomorrow.

Our Year 11 Graduation Ball will take place as planned. We have spoken to the venue today and they have confirmed that all spaces have air-conditioning and extra hydration stations are available for students to use.

Year 12 Trip to Nottingham

For the safety and wellbeing of our students we have made the decision to postpone the Year 12 trip to Nottingham.

I apologise again for the continuing disruption. The forecast seems more generous for next week; we plan to be open as normal on Monday 29th June with students in regular uniform i.e. shirts/skirts/trousers but no blazers or ties.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Conlon





Principal