

Our Ref: SST/HBr

Tuesday 17th March 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with deep regret that I am writing to notify you that until further notice all Post 16 lessons will be suspended as of the close of play today. Sadly we have a number of absent staff who are self-isolating in line with Public Health England advice and guidance. As a result cover across the school has become very tricky and the projection moving into the rest of this week is that I will not be able to cover the school unless I take some form of action. In terms of the bigger national picture schools are being asked to stay open so healthcare professionals can continue, as best they can, to work and provide a front line service. With this in mind I have elected to close the Sixth Form down as they are the eldest pupils within the school and do not require parents to necessarily watch over them.

All Post 16 pupils have been emailed to make them aware of this decision. Post 16 pupils will be able to access work to complete at home via the following weblink:

<https://hap.thedustonschool.org/hap/>

To date no information has been forwarded to schools regarding this summer's public examination series. As soon as any information on this front is released I will share this with both pupils and parents alike.

I truly hope that some form of normality is restored in due course and that we can all go back to our usual daily routine.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Strickland
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