Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers,

As you will be aware, commencing Monday 23rd March 2020, the school will be closed until further notice for students, with the exception of a small minority of those whose parents are vital key workers, or vulnerable students with identified needs. Further information regarding these arrangements will be sent in due course to those parents directly affected. Please note that the advice to parents is to follow the first principle of keeping their children at home if at all possible from Monday onwards, and to only send them to school if there is no safe alternative.

For the vast majority of our students, who will not be attending school from Monday, we have provided remote learning materials for students to access and complete independently. This has been set by their subject teachers using our Show My Homework and Google Classroom platforms. A guide for accessing and using Google Classroom, as well as accessing the school learning portal (RM Unify) is available under the ‘Login Via RM Unify’ tab on the school website.

Please note that work has been provided for students to complete between normal school hours. Staff will be able during normal school hours to offer guidance and feedback. It is recommended that students aim to follow their school timetable in order to establish an effective home learning routine.

You will also have heard about the cancellation of the May and June exam series. We know how very disappointing this is not just for students who have worked so hard but also for their teachers. Information on how students will get the qualifications they need is imminent and will be communicated to you in due course.

In the meantime, it is clearly in students’ interests to continue to work as hard as they can so that when the certification method is confirmed, they are in the best possible position to get the grades they deserve. This period of closure offers a real opportunity for students with exams to revise, read around topics and really embed the learning they’ve already done. If your child was expecting to take terminal examinations this summer, support in reinforcing this message with them would be welcome.

You may be interested in the wealth of resources we have included on the wellbeing section of the ‘About Us’ tab on the school website, which provides valuable guidance on the range of emotions children and adults may be experiencing at this time.

It is also important to ensure that your child is aware of and following the guidance regarding safe and responsible behaviour outside of school, maintaining social distance and washing hands regularly. All of this guidance can be found on the school website. We hope this information is useful for you in supporting your child at this highly unusual time.

Kind regards
Ms Nicholas
Senior Deputy Head teacher