

PDR/JDN

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to give you some information about this year's entrance exam.

As you may be aware, our entrance examination this year will be held on Monday 18 September, consequently school will be closed on this day. In order to set up the school and fully brief our staff as invigilators for over 1200 children who are registered to sit the entrance examination, we will be **closing the school early, at 14.15 on Friday 15 September**. As such, please do make arrangements for your child to get home at this time.

I do apologise for any inconvenience caused, but as you will appreciate, this is a big event in the school calendar that requires a lot of planning and preparation.

Students are asked to work under their own direction on this day. The following information will support this:

- Students should aim to study the subjects they would normally attend on this day, 1 hour per subject.
- A reminder of what students are studying can be found in our <u>curriculum overviews</u>. This information can be used to guide them to work independently.
- For Key Stage 3 and 4 students, <u>Oak National Academy</u> provides excellent lessons in almost all subjects on a range of topics.
- All students have access to a wide range of online learning tools including <u>Educake</u>, <u>Seneca</u>, <u>Corbett Maths</u> and <u>Dr Frost Maths</u> to name but a few. Online learning tools can be used to supplement learning where relevant.
- Students should also aim to complete any homework they have been set by their teacher, details of which can be found on <u>ClassCharts</u>.
- Students who usually have 1:1 tutoring, through <u>My Tutor</u> or <u>TLC Live</u>, should continue to access their planned session.
- Year 12 and 13 students can access Uplearn

If you have a younger child who will be sitting the examination, please be aware there will not be any car parking in or around the school grounds. If travelling by car, parents are encouraged to park in one of the free car parks around the town centre.

Just to remind you, school will also be closed on Friday 27 October for a teacher training day.

Many thanks in anticipation of your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

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