



Arts & Media School
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update Year 11 – school closure to most pupils

I am writing to update you on the current situation with regard to Year 11. **We have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday 20th March until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children who are classified as vulnerable. The audit has already been shared with you to inform the school of your need if you fall in this category.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday 23rd March onwards.

We understand that many students will be feeling concerned and disappointed by the announcement that GCSE examinations will not be taking place in the Summer as planned. We know how hard many of our students have worked: in recent months we have been impressed by the conscientious attitude and hard work that many of our Year 11 students have brought to their school work. We know how hard they have worked to make their learning a success: they should feel proud of the work they have done, and the scholars they have become.

Please be assured that we are supporting the process of ensuring that our students get the qualifications that they deserve and that accurately reflect the work that they have put into their studies.

Although the assessment measures intended to replace GCSE exams have yet to be announced by the Government, they have promised that the hard work that teachers and

students have put in will be properly rewarded. Since the announcement on Wednesday, many students have expressed concern about their predicted grades: please be assured that student grades will be informed by the professional judgement of our staff and will take account of all of the work students have put into their studies.

We will share teachers' predicted grades from all subjects with you in due course. In the interim, we would advise students to continue to work hard, following their school timetable and using the resources made available to them on Google Classroom. Continuing their studies in this way will also be extremely beneficial in preparing them for the challenge of the next stage of their education in Key Stage 5, ensuring a smooth transition to further study.

In light of the current situation, our plans to celebrate with Year 11 will need to be postponed, which again may be a source of disappointment for students. It will be our intention to provide an opportunity for the year group to acknowledge their time at AMSI in an appropriate manner.

We appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever changing situation. We will continue to inform you of any updates as soon as they are communicated with us. If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via contact@amsi.school and/or check the school website **COVID-19** tab which will be regularly updated.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

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