



St John Fisher Catholic High School

EDUCATING FOR LIFE

HOOKSTONE DRIVE – HARROGATE – HG2 8PT

Head Teacher: Mr P Brockwell B.Ed

Telephone: (01423) 887254 Fax: (01423) 881056 Website: www.sjfchs.org.uk

Email: office@sjfchs.org.uk

18th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will have heard on the news that the government has decided that we will be closed after Friday 20th March 2020.

As with all large organisations, many of our staff have had to take the difficult decision to self-isolate to protect themselves and their families from the Corona virus already, in line with government guidance.

Due to the number of staff already absent from school we are now going to partially close the school over the next two days. This will be challenging for you and us and I apologise for the inconvenience that this will cause you. However, we are not alone in having to make these decisions and, like many schools, we are wanting to provide education for as many students as possible until the full closure on Monday 23rd March 2020.

Year 12 were asked to remain at home on Tuesday and to prepare for their upcoming mock examinations. We ask them to continue to do this preparation at home.

Our plan for the rest of the school over the next two days is as follows:

Thursday 19th March. Years 8 and 10 should remain at home. Years 7, 9, 11 and 13 should attend.

Friday 20th March. Years 7 and 9 should remain at home. Years 8, 10, 11 and 13 should attend.

Please ensure all Y8 students bring in their option forms on Friday. If they are unable to attend, please email the forms to office@sjfchs.org.uk

To support the learning of students during this school closure, we have created a platform that has been populated with work for each year group in all subjects. This can be accessed from the school website. You will notice a post entitled "Work in Event of School Closure / Partial Closure" on the right of the school website home page under the title "School Community News". Clicking here will take you to the closure work platform.

Under each year group, work can be downloaded and completed by students at their own pace. We would expect each downloaded set of work to take approximately an hour to complete.





St John Fisher Catholic High School

EDUCATING FOR LIFE

HOOKSTONE DRIVE – HARROGATE – HG2 8PT

Head Teacher: Mr P Brockwell B.Ed

Telephone: (01423) 887254 Fax: (01423) 881056 Website: www.sjfchs.org.uk

Email: office@sjfchs.org.uk

To support parents in deciding what work should be completed when, we have split the work into a two day cycle:

Day 1: Students should download work from the core subjects of English maths and science.

Day 2: Students should download work from either their other subjects (for years 7+8) or their GCSE option courses.

In this way, staff are able to maintain a supply of work on an ongoing basis based on the period of time that the school is closed.

If you have any questions for staff, these should be addressed to us via the office@sjfchs.org.uk email address. Your email will then be forwarded to the relevant staff. Please note that staff may be also caring for vulnerable members of their own family during this time and as such will reply within 24 hours of your email being received by them. Priority response will be given to emails from those students in the exam years of 11 and 13.

We are currently monitoring the situation regarding public exams. No detail has yet been given but we will update you as soon as we hear from the relevant authorities.

Please note that all activities at the school are cancelled from today until further notice, including any parent's evenings, sporting events and performing arts activities.

I will keep you all up to date with any developments as they arise including plans for support for children of key workers.

Can I wish you and your families all the best in the very challenging weeks and months that lie ahead.

God Bless

Mr P Brockwell
Headteacher

