

10 February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well.

Unfortunately, we have a significant number of staff absences. As a result, I have made the decision to close the school for all of **Year 8 from Friday 11 February to Tuesday 15 February, returning on Wednesday 16 February 2022**, as we cannot staff their lessons and keep students safe. Finding staff from agencies is also incredibly difficult and often we cannot get supply teachers in.

Home Learning - Move to Streamed Lessons

During this partial closure, the academy will provide the majority of sessions as live-streamed lessons. Due to absence, the staff member delivering this lesson may not be your child's normal classroom teacher but will be a subject specialist. Students will start with a live streamed tutor session at 8.25am each day hosted by Mr Baker who will show them how to find the codes for the rest of their lessons during the partial closure as well as deliver a tutor time activity. The link for the tutor session and all live-streamed lessons will be in your child's Year Group Google classroom. As part of our drive to ensure high engagement with online learning, we will be monitoring student attendance to lessons using a Google registration form which will also be provided by the teacher delivering the streamed lesson. In the Core subjects, we aim to provide lessons for students in both sets 1/ 2 and 3/4 to help provide the additional support some students may need. Some students follow a literacy intervention pathway instead of studying Spanish, this will also be provided as part of the timetable.

Lessons will be available for all subjects and the timings of each lesson will follow the school day. If your child is unable to log into Google Classroom (for example, if they have forgotten their password) please contact Gary Ives:

g.ives@hemsworth.outwood.com

If your child is unable to access work from home, please contact Gary Ives on the email above to arrange for support from the academy.

This is the Year 8 timetable for your child to follow.

	8.25-8.45	Period 1 8.45 – 9.45	Period 2 9.45 – 10.45	Period 3 11.00 – 12.00	Period 4 12.30 – 1.30	Period 5 1.30 – 2.30
Friday 11 February	Tutor time	Life	DT	PE	Maths	English
Monday 14 February	Tutor time	Spanish or Literacy	Maths	Science	Computer Science	English
Tuesday 15 February	Tutor time	Maths	Science	Geography	PE	Spanish or Literacy

Further work is also available to all students via

- Hegarty Maths

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For students in receipt of free school meals, if you would like a lunch hamper prepared for the rest of the week please contact Sue Vaughan (Catering Manager) at s.vaughan@hemsworth.outwood.com or ring the academy on 01977 624220.

We appreciate that this change is short notice and may inconvenience you but it is essential that we safeguard our students, staff and wider school community.

If you are defined as a Critical Key Worker or your child is identified as vulnerable as per the government guidance and require provision for your child, please send your child to Reception in the morning at their usual school start time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. In the meantime, we look forward to seeing your child on the remote learning platform from Friday 11 February and then **back in school from Wednesday 16 February.**

Yours faithfully



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Principal