

19 July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Partial School Closure: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

The health, safety and welfare of our students, staff, families and the community are at the forefront of the decisions we make as a school. In light of the current health emergency, it is with regret that Outwood Academy Hemsworth have had to make the decision to carry out a partial closure for a year group. At this moment in time, exceptional levels of staff absence means that we cannot safely accommodate all students in the academy. **We have therefore made the difficult decision to close to Year 11 (previous Y10 students before the timetable rolled over on the 28 June) from Tuesday 20 July until Friday 23 July. Due to Summer holidays starting Monday 26 July 2021. The date for this year group to return to school is Thursday 9 September 2021.**

The decision to close to Y11 has been taken after every other option has been considered. We ask for your continued support to ensure Y11 students engage in the remote learning provision detailed below. This is a suggested timetable for Year 11 which you may want your child to follow. As lessons are recorded, this offers flexibility when your child can access their lessons.

Date/ period	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
Tuesday 20 July	Work is available on your child's year group Google Classroom.				
Wednesday 21 July	English Literature	Maths	Maths	<b>Option subjects (C block):</b> *Art photography *Geography *History *Music Tech *Spanish *Option English/Maths	<b>Option subjects (B block):</b> *Physics *Business *Child Development *Geography *History *Option English/Maths *Art Photography

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Thursday 22 July	Science	Science	<b>Option subjects (A block):</b> *Art Photography *Business *Child Development *French *Geography *History *Spanish *Sport Science *Option Maths	Maths	English Language
Friday 23 July	Maths	Science	English Literature	<b>Option subjects (B block):</b> *Chemistry *Business *Child Development *Geography *History *Option English/Maths *Art Photography *Option Maths	<b>Option subjects (C block):</b> *Art photography *Geography *History *Music Tech *Spanish *Option English

## Home Learning

We have previously communicated with you to explain what the process will be for setting work for students during the enforced closure. Therefore, whilst at home, Google Classroom is the means by which teachers will set work for their classes. In order for parents/carers to support their children at home, we have created a [Home Learning webpage](http://homelearning.outwood.com) (homelearning.outwood.com) which provides you with guidance on how to access Google Classroom with your child.

Lessons will be available for all subjects and the timings of each lesson will follow the school day. For each lesson there will be, wherever possible, a video recording for your child to watch to help them with the work which is being set. The independent work which they will then complete at home should then be submitted to their usual teacher via Google Classroom. 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](mailto:g.ives@hemsworth.outwood.com). For those students who we have already identified as not being able to access Google Classroom at home, the academy will be in contact with you directly.

Further work is also available to all students via

- Hegarty Maths
- Oak National Academy
- BBC Bitesize
- <https://science.outwood.com/>
- <https://sites.google.com/outwood.com/maths/home>

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

If you are a classed as a key worker or your child meets the vulnerable children definition according to the government list (both identified in the link below) and you are unable to make alternative arrangements for your child, please send your child to school as normal and ask them to report to a member of staff at the gate:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

As I'm sure you will understand, the decision to close the academy to even one year group is something which I have not done lightly. Thank you for your understanding and support during these difficult and unprecedented times.

Yours faithfully



Toby Rutter  
**Principal**