

1 April 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 9 from Monday 4 April 2022 until Wednesday 6 April 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 - Streamed Lessons

During this partial closure, the academy will provide the majority of sessions as live-streamed lessons. On Monday 4 April 2022, students must attend a **live streamed tutor session at 8.25am** with Mr Baker (Associate Assistant Principal) and Mr Ives (Vice Principal) who will explain how their lessons will be provided each day and where students can access the links for their lessons. **The link for this tutor session and any live-streamed lessons will be in your child's Year Group Google classroom** as well as any resources students need to access.

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 work for students in both sets 1/2 and 3/4 to help provide the additional support some students may need. The timings of each lesson will follow the school day (please note the lunch period for Year 9 will be 12.00-12.30). 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 Mr Ives using the email above to arrange for support from the academy.

This is the Year 9 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
Mon 4 April 2022	Tutor time	Whole school classwork. This work is available on your child's year group Google Classroom provided by Mr Ives.				
Tues 5 April	Tutor time	History	Geography	Science	English	Life
Wed 6 April	Tutor time	Geography	English	Science	Maths	Core PE

Further work is also available to all students via

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For students in receipt of free school meals, if you would like a lunch hamper prepared for the closure 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 **Monday 4 April 2022 returning to school on Thursday 7 April 2022.**

Yours faithfully



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Principal