



Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the Prime Minister's announcement last night we have scaled back staffing in school to the absolute minimum. This means that we will not be able to respond to enquiries in person or by telephone. The school admin email address will be operational but we would ask that you only use this for very urgent matters. The school remains open for children of front line critical workers who have no alternative but to send their children into school whilst they carry out emergency duties. We are very pleased to be able to support these families but must make it clear that we cannot accommodate any other pupils. This is for their own safety and for that of our staff. There will be no more catering facilities in school, so those pupils who do attend should bring a packed lunch.

The main priority at this time is that everyone feels safe and secure and follows the official guidance to stay at home unless absolutely necessary. The information relating to schools has not changed substantially since we wrote to you last week. Yesterday we wrote to all parents/carers of Year 11 and Year 13 pupils about the impact of the cancellation of exams, but we continue to wait for more detail about how grades will be awarded. A number of parents/carers of Year 11 pupils have asked about work and activities that they could continue with at this time. We would strongly recommend that all Year 11s visit Unifrog (they all have a log in and have been shown how to use this). There are lots of useful activities and resources in Unifrog, including links to online learning opportunities that can prepare students for A Levels and Higher Education.

For Years 7-10 and Year 12 we have started our home/remote learning programme, with most year groups starting this properly yesterday. It was great to see our pupils going online and carrying out their studies independently. We are seeking ways of celebrating some of this work using our website and social media links as time goes on. Please do continue to support your child with their work at home and within government guidelines, do encourage them to get some fresh air during the day - they could discover a love of gardening! These are unsettling times, but the routine of work can give everyone a sense of purpose and normality.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Wood and Ms T Nickson

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