

20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 3pm

## Covid-19 Update

Dear Parents/Guardians

### Clarification of examination arrangements and work for students

Following yesterday's announcement from the Minister of Education, there will be no written GCSE (Y11 and Y12), AS and A level examinations for students this summer. Whilst there is still a lack of clarity in relation to how grades will be determined, CCEA has committed to ensuring that students will receive fair results and that their processes will minimise uncertainty for students, parents and teachers.

We will continue to liaise with the exam board as appropriate and update you as necessary.

In practical terms this means:

- Y14: cease online work.
- Y13: complete online course content as advised by teachers and prepare for Y14 as instructed by teachers.
- Y12: cease GCSE examination preparation and complete online preparatory work for AS levels in the subjects that you have selected. (Note, this does not guarantee entry into the A level subject).
- Y11: complete Y11 course content and commence Y12 work as instructed by teachers.
- Y8-10: continue with online studies.

All coursework is being held securely in school.

We fully understand the anxiety and despondency which many of our students must be feeling at this situation, and it is our priority to support them in all pastoral matters as effectively as we possibly can at this difficult time. Next week we will be signposting you to various advice and support sites online. Over the period of closure, if you have a safeguarding concern, please use the following number 07900 175391. Please note – this is **only for safeguarding issues**.

Until further notice, school will remain open from Monday **only** to facilitate the children of key workers who have notified us in advance.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

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