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Dear Parents and Carers,

I write, further to my letters of [the 20<sup>th</sup>](#) and [21<sup>st</sup> March](#), and my email of 23<sup>rd</sup> March, to firstly thank you very much for your support this week. Despite the difficult circumstances, having a year group at home receiving remote education has meant that we have been able to ensure operationally safe provision for our students on site.

Unfortunately, cases continue to be high and due to the numbers of staff absent and isolating because of COVID-19, after liaison with all relevant agencies, I have sadly had to take the decision to close the College for our Y10 students on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, and to provide them with remote learning instead. Again, I understand that this may cause some inconvenience for parents and students, but I want to assure you that this course of action is an absolute last resort, and is unavoidable on the grounds of health and safety.

To confirm, the following plan will be in place:

- Y10 students stay at home Monday 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March.
- Y10 students will receive Remote Learning in the usual way via Class Charts.
- This Remote Learning will follow students' timetables.
- Y10 students will return to College on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March.
- Students in all other year groups attend school as normal.

We are maintaining our enhanced control measures to mitigate the transmission of the virus on site, as outlined in my [letter of 20 March](#), and will monitor the ongoing situation carefully over the weekend and on Monday — to evaluate when we can safely cease these restrictions. I am sincerely sorry that I have had to take this course of action, but I hope and trust that you understand why I have done so. I will contact you again on Monday to confirm arrangements moving forward.

With my warmest wishes,

Craig Griffiths (Principal).