



**The South Wolds
Academy
and Sixth Form**

5th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Prime minister's announcement last night regarding the national lockdown I hope that this letter finds you well and coping as best you can given the current situation. This is not easy for anyone and I know we will continue to work together to work through this next stage of the pandemic. Thank you for all of your messages of support - they are all greatly appreciated.

As it stands currently, the arrangements that we had in place for this week are largely unchanged, except that now Year 11 and 13 students are learning remotely alongside the rest of the school. We are still open for the children of key workers and vulnerable students and contact has already been made with those who are due in this week. School leaders are still awaiting further guidance from the government but what we do know from the announcement last night is that all schools nationally will be operating remotely for this half term taking us up until the middle of February. Therefore all students must stay at home unless they have a place booked on site through the key worker offer.

We have our remote curriculum up and ready and staff have been delivering lessons today. We are following your child's usual timetable and all resources can be accessed on Google Classroom. All homework will continue to be set on Show My Homework. For more information on using Google Classroom there is a link on our website [here](#). Information regarding the remote curriculum offer will be on the website tomorrow: as well as following their timetabled lessons, students will also receive direct tutor contact each week, as well as a tutor group assembly and year group assembly, to get involved in online.

For those families in receipt of free school meals we will be sharing vouchers with you as soon as possible for the course of the lockdown. If you have any questions regarding this please email office@southwolds.notts.sch.uk and the team will be happy to help.

For those students in Years 11 and 13, you will be aware that part of the announcement last night referred to summer examinations. Whilst I await further details regarding the government's plans my message to all students right now is please do not let this distract you from your studies. You must keep going, even in this period of uncertainty. I understand your reactions may be ones of frustration, resignation, confusion or anxiety. But please know that whilst examinations may not take their usual format, there will still be some form of assessment to decide your final grades. The work you keep completing now will contribute towards these and so keep going and stay as focused as you can. We are all here to support you and help you through this time, together.

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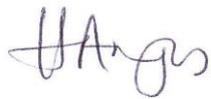
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We do know that public examinations in January are going ahead and this week the Exams Officer is contacting all Year 11 students who have their Cambridge National Sports Science exam on Monday 11th January. As soon as I have anything further to share regarding examinations I will be back in touch.

Finally, please let us know if you are facing any issues so that we can work with you to iron out any creases. We are all using our best endeavours to support every child through this next stage of the national response to COVID-19 and my thanks to you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Halina Angus". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'H' and 'A'.

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