



**The South Wolds  
Academy  
and Sixth Form**

17<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all safe and well at this time and have managed to make the best of the holiday period given the circumstances. I wanted to take the opportunity to update you as far as I am able, with new information that has been released to school leaders.

Firstly, there has been a tremendous amount of speculation in the press over the past few days regarding the reopening of schools. The government has said it will only reopen schools when the scientific evidence says it is safe to do so. I have no further information to share with you at this time but can assure you that there is no plan to reopen the school at the moment.

The school does still remain partially open to the children of key workers, where no safe alternative is possible and the form to complete can be found on the website or by clicking [here](#).

If your child is attending the site then, as a polite reminder, they must come in PE kit, bring their own packed lunch, drink and snacks for the day and a pencil case in order to complete tasks set on Show My Homework.

As our summer term officially begins on Monday 20th April, we have made adjustments to the work that will be set on Show My Homework, in response to valuable feedback you provided to us before the holidays. We will be including more weekly projects/tasks, clearer labelling of work that is either compulsory or optional in order to give students (and you!) more flexibility.

### **GCSE and A Level update**

The Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, has confirmed that the publication of GCSE and A Level results this year will be as follows:

A Level: Thursday 13th August 2020

GCSE: Thursday 20th August 2020

Ofqual have created a short video that explains how final grades will be decided and this can be viewed [here](#).

Our Year 11 students should now be looking forward: our fabulous sixth form team will be in touch very soon with post-16 transition work to do to prepare students for A level study so please look out for that.

Additionally, for our Year 13 students, if there are any questions you may have regarding post-18 pathways, please email Mrs Capewell [jcapewell@southwolds.notts.sch.uk](mailto:jcapewell@southwolds.notts.sch.uk)  
Mrs Capewell will also be running a Zoom meeting at 11am on Monday for Year 13 students if you wish to participate.

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### Year 9 update

At this time in the year we share the final option decisions with Year 9 students. These will be communicated directly to you during the week beginning Monday 20th April. Please look out for these as it will then have a bearing on the work that your child will be directed to do in the coming weeks.

These are uncertain and unprecedented times and all we can do is our best to support one another. Thank you for all of the support you have shown to the staff at this time, it is always appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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