

Dear Year 13 Parent/Carer,

RE: Year 13 Leaving Site for Afternoon Study Periods

We hope this letter finds you and your families well.

With the government's recent announcement that schools will reopen from March 8th, we are writing to you with news of a slight change to the Sixth Form's current policies.

As an organisation, we are committed to doing our part to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus whilst simultaneously continuing to provide a high quality education for our learners. As a sixth form student, your child has a number of study periods a week where they are not in timetabled lessons. These 100 minutes sessions are intended for individual study, giving students some autonomy over their learning. Up to this point, students have been required to stay on site during these times. To minimise the number of students in the study space, from Monday 8th March, we will be piloting a system that allows students to work from home should they not have a lesson on any given afternoon.

For Year 13 students, leaving the site following afternoon registration (1:40pm) will be optional, for Year 12 students it will be compulsory. The reduced numbers of students on site will provide those who do choose to stay in school with a quieter space to study. Whilst, we encourage our Year 13 students to stay on site and make the most of an environment that is conducive to learning, we recognise that for others working might present a welcome opportunity to complete independent work.

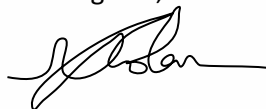
Students who have found working from home challenging or who are not currently making the expected level of progress will be required to stay on site to complete independent work in the study area. This will enable us to provide the additional support required to ensure that these students met their full potential. Families of these students will receive a phone call from the sixth form team in due course.

We do hope this opportunity will engender a greater level of independence in our learners, better equipping them for their future studies at the end of this academic year. This pilot model will be reviewed at the end of this half term (March 26th) should issues with attendance, progress or wellbeing arise, this privilege may be revoked for individual students of concern or for the whole cohort if deemed necessary.

Please continue to support your son/daughter by talking to them about their school work, encouraging them to stick to a study schedule and ensuring they have a suitable space to study in the home.

Should you have any concern regarding the above, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the sixth form team emailing naziauddin@spwt.net.

Best regards,



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