



10th January 2022

Year 9 group closure Tuesday 11th January

Dear Parent/Carer,

I write to inform you that, unfortunately, due to high levels of staff absence as a result of illness and a widespread issue with recruiting supply teachers, **we have taken the decision to close to Year 9 students tomorrow** (Tuesday 11th January). Students in Year 9 should study at home for the day, logging in to Microsoft Teams on a device and looking in their English, Maths and Science class Teams for work that will be provided by period 1 tomorrow. This work will be saved in the 'Files' section of the Team. In addition, students should use GCSE Pod ([GCSE Learning and Revision | GCSEPod](#)), Seneca Learning ([Free Homework & Revision for A Level, GCSE, KS3 & KS2 \(senecalearning.com\)](#)) and MathsWatch ([MathsWatch](#)) to complete revision and practice questions relating to the subjects they study, as appropriate.

Please emphasise to your child that the time they normally spend in school should be used productively and they should be doing around 5 hours of study during the day. Maths, English and Science teachers will expect students to have completed the work provided and will be discussing this on their return. We are not implementing live Teams lessons on this occasion, as several staff are currently ill.

Students should note that their Teams login is the same as their school email account login (username and password). If they have any trouble recalling this or logging in, they/you need to contact help@harrogethighschool.co.uk as soon as possible. If your child needs support with their MathsWatch or other logins, please contact school on admin@harrogatehighschool.co.uk or call the school directly.

We are not anticipating that we will have to close to a year group on Wednesday, however, parents/carers should be mindful that this is a difficult situation to predict and therefore, be aware that there is a remote possibility that we may have to do so. **Please be aware that we will write to parents again on Tuesday if this is going to be the case. If you do not hear anything further, please ensure that you send your child to school as normal on Wednesday as Year 9 students will only be learning from home for one day.**

All students who last year expressed that they did not have a device were lent a laptop/Chromebook and will still have this at home. If your child does not have a device in which to access Teams or is unable to work from home, please contact school as soon as possible. Teams can be accessed on a smartphone/tablet as well as a computer.





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I apologise for the inconvenience and disruption that this may cause, however, it is a necessary measure to ensure effective supervision in school. I am aware that some other local schools have recently had to take similar measures. I hope that we can return to normal routines by Friday.

Yours faithfully,

Mr S. S. Gill

Head of Academy



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