



North Bridge House
Senior Canonbury

Wednesday 18th March 2020

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

As you know we have had to make the very difficult decision to shut the school because of the development of the Coronavirus outbreak. We wanted to contact you because your child is due to sit their final A-Level exams in the coming months. We understand that students will, of course, be anxious as there is so much uncertainty surrounding the situation. We also know that this will be a worrying time for you, and we really want to do all that we can to assure you that all of the teachers will be doing their utmost to support them through remote and online teaching during term time. At this point in the school year almost, if not all, of the A-Level courses have been completed and students are about to embark on targeted revision and exam practice we are confident that we can still provide this to a really high standard before the Easter holidays.

We have spoken to the students this afternoon as many have had concerns over when or even if the A-Level exams will be taken. We would hope that there will be some confirmation from the education authorities before the Easter holidays start, as this is the traditional time when Year 13 students will really step up their own revision schedules. As soon as we receive any confirmation, we will of course let you know without delay.

For now, we have assured the students of the following:

- All lesson content for their A-Level subjects will be available on Firefly every day.
- For the first two days, (Thursday and Friday this week) all lessons and subjects tasks will be shared on Firefly and there will be instructions for what your child will need to complete and send back to their teacher on Firefly.
- Lessons from Monday until Easter will be conducted via Microsoft Teams (more to follow about how this will work) at the usual time of your child's lessons, following their usual GCSE timetable.

If your child is unwell and unable to join the Team lesson, all lesson content and tasks will be available on Firefly for every lesson by 4pm each day. All their teachers will be available to ask questions during their lessons and will be happy to upload any extra resources that your child may request.

During this time, if you do have any subject-related queries please do email your child's subject teacher. We are happy to help if you do not know their teacher's email address, just let us know.

For any general enquiries please email canonbury@northbridgehouse.com where your email will be forwarded to the most appropriate member of staff.

For any specific pastoral or academic enquiries please email me at alex.margerison@northbridgehouse.com or Mr Doherty at sean.doherty@northbridgehouse.com.

I am aware that university applications, offers and placements for September are a cause for concern for our students currently. Universities are aware of the disruption that is taking place in the build up to the A-Level exams and I hope that they will bear this in mind when making final decisions on results day. However, I

would suggest that students could start to keep a log of any disruption they face between now and the exams. This might include, but is not limited to, periods of self-isolation, disrupted teacher absences, responsibilities for caring for members of your family that are taking you out of school, dates of our school closures and the details of what we have offered. Creating a log now will ensure we have accurate information for all of our students should we need it at any time.

We are completely committed to supporting your child through this unique and challenging situation and we will be working with them all the way up until their final examination. Please do share this message with your child and please let us know if there is anything we can do to help support during this time.

We wish you and your family good health and will be here for your child at this challenging time.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Margerison', written over a light grey watermark of a shield-shaped crest.

Alex Margerison

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Head of Middle School and Sixth Form