



# Hertswood Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following on from Mr Gillett's letter regarding the closure of the academy, I wanted to give a little more detail regarding our plans for our Year 12 students. Year 12s have been working incredibly hard since they started the Sixth Form in September, and it is vital that students understand that any time away from education and not learning could have an impact next year. Even though we are not in the school building we expect Year 12 to continue to put the same amount of effort and time into their subjects as we have seen this year.

From Monday, Year 12 lessons will be provided through Google Classroom, and students will be following their normal timetable. This means that students should log into the specific Google Classroom at the time of their lesson to access the work. The teacher will be on hand to answer questions and provide feedback. Students are expected to keep up to date with all work required and members of staff will act accordingly if students fall behind. If we are not able to return to school before the end of the summer term, end of Year 12 exams will be moved to the beginning of the next academic year. Students should remember that these results can determine their place in Year 13.

In addition to this all students are a member of the Class of 2021 Futures Google Classroom and this is where we will share any important Sixth Form information with them, including university programmes, apprenticeship information and updates about returning to school. A member of the Sixth Form team will also be in direct contact with students at least twice a week, and they can email us during the school day.

We will be expecting all students to be on their relevant Google Classrooms at the allocated lesson time, so if there is a sickness or absence and they are unable to log on, could you please email Sixth Form admin and we will pass this information on to staff.

In these extraordinary times we want to try and keep as much of a routine for our Year 12 students as possible and I thank you for your support in doing this. We have always been extremely proud of our Sixth Form community and the resilience and excellent attitude of our students. This community is still present even though our connections are now via the internet and we are here to support you.

Yours sincerely,

Carey McFerran

Assistant Headteacher

