



Friday, 23 February 2024

Dear parent/ carer.

Re: Academy closure during Easter to facilitate the transition into the temporary accommodation

I am writing to you to outline our initial planning for the end of the Easter term and beginning of the Whitsun term. The break is being used to transition classrooms from A block into the temporary block. It is a critical period for both students and the progress of the partial rebuild, therefore, planning to minimise disruption is underway. In this letter I will set out the current planning for the closure of the site to students and how we are seeking to mitigate the effects.

To ensure we are able to reopen the site to students after Easter we are going to close the academy site to students on Wednesday, 20 March 2024 at 12:30. This will allow staff to complete the packing of their classrooms prior to the data and power being disconnected. On Thursday, 21 March 2024 Kier and their subcontractors will begin transferring our ICT equipment, furniture and resources into the temporary block. The work is anticipated to take three weeks, however, through an early closure we are confident all works can be completed during the planned timeframe.

This will mean different things for different pupils due to their age and proximity to terminal exams. For clarity I have presented this separately below:

Year groups 7, 8 and 9

- Easter term will end on Wednesday, 20 March 2024 at 12:30.
- The temporary block will open to students on Wednesday, 10 April 2024.
- Students will return to the Academy site on Wednesday, 10 April 2024.
- On Monday, 08 and Tuesday 09, April 2024 students will be taught remotely through Google classroom. Paper copies of work will be provided upon request.
- When students attend the site from Wednesday, 10 April 2024 onwards they will follow their normal timetable.

Year groups 10, 11, 12 and 13

- Easter term will end on Wednesday, 20 March 2024 at 12:30.
- Students will return to the Academy site on Monday, 08 April 2024.
- Lessons will be re-roomed to allow students to follow their normal timetable.
- The temporary block will open to students on Wednesday, 10 April 2024.
- Students will follow their normal timetable across the whole site including the temporary block from Wednesday, 10 April 2024 onwards.

I recognise the proposed arrangements and change to the Easter term dates will cause some disruption. I would like to apologise for the disruption, however, I would like to reassure you that I am committed to minimising the effects to students. We will ensure work is provided for students working remotely, paper copies will be issued upon request. As previously stated the plan presented above may change, I will communicate any changes and the final arrangements to you in good time. Significant changes to the timeline are unlikely but not impossible, however, the provision and how teaching will be delivered could change.

It is an exciting time for the Academy and I am confident the temporary classrooms will improve students' experience. I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and understanding during this transitional phase. Supplementary information about the build progress and the temporary block's facilities will be shared via the partial rebuild bulletin.

Yours sincerely



Mr T Mullen-Furness
Principal