



**KING HENRY VIII SCHOOL**  
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Year 12**

In line with Welsh Government guidance, we shall close on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March until further notice due to the COVID – 19 outbreak. There is no definitive answer as to when we shall re-open. Our intention is to run a virtual school so we can continue to have strong lines of communication with yourselves and maintain an e learning provision in these challenging times.

Our e communication channels shall be as follows:

- In Touch email system
- SIMS Parent App
- Twitter [@KHSAbergavenny@KingHenrySchool](https://twitter.com/KHSAbergavenny).
- School website: [www.kinghenryviiiischool.co.uk](http://www.kinghenryviiiischool.co.uk)

Any e communications will also be placed on the school website and shared via Twitter so if any one e communication method is not working you are able to keep up to date with our news.

In addition we can be contacted through our school reception phone number 01873 735374. This number will be manned remotely during office hours. Please bear with us whilst we respond as our ability may be slower than usual but we shall try our best.

We have already communicated our plans for e learning and all resources and materials can be found on the school website. This e learning plan will be updated as additional classes and codes are added. All students have been given their Hwb usernames and passwords and an email with your child's information should be with before the end of school Friday. This level of e learning is new to us and it may take some time for this to bed in. Our aim is to allow all our students to continue to engage in their learning and also undertake wider reading so they continue to make progress. If there are issues please contact reception or make us aware via the [info@khs.schoolsedu.org.uk](mailto:info@khs.schoolsedu.org.uk). Again, we shall do our best to resolve these matters.

I am sure many of you are aware the Welsh Minister for Education Kirsty Williams made clear there would be no examination series this summer for year 12. We are awaiting further guidance as to when these examinations will be sat and will communicate this with yourselves when we have this information.

We expect most AS subjects to continue to set work for the next two weeks. After this staff will provide students with A2 work. It will be vital that this A2 work is completed throughout May, June and July. This will allow for preparation of AS exams that might be planned in the Autumn term.

Many students are working on continually assessed BTEC courses and will be expected to complete and start new units throughout the course of the summer term. BTEC staff will continue to monitor this work which will be completed electronically. It is therefore vital that students continue to complete work in order to have sufficient units to gain a Subsidiary Diploma Award at the end of year 13.

It is also important that if there are any students who intended to leave school, or drop a subject at the end of year 12, they inform us immediately. This will allow their registration to be altered to Certificate level.

As you may have heard through the Welsh news, schools will have 'a new purpose' to help support those most in need "including people involved in the immediate response to the coronavirus outbreak". Welsh Government is currently working with the Local Authority to develop and finalise plans. We are unclear at present what the commitment of our school and KHS staff will be however all staff that are fit and well are expected in school on Monday and Easter for staff does not commence until 3<sup>rd</sup> April. The redirection of work could impact on the ability of some teachers to set regular work.

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As a school, our aim is to make sure all students, their families and staff remain safe and well during this difficult time. Please be reassured we shall maintain a steady stream of communication with yourselves and pass on any relevant information promptly.

Yours sincerely

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