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Dear Parent/Carers,

Due to the Government's announcement yesterday, the school is shut from Monday for all students except those who have an EHCP plan, those whose parents are Key Workers or any student that falls into a group requiring support. The school is in the process of contacting parents of students in the latter group.

As you will also have heard, the government cancelled all exams this May and June for Year 11 and Year 13 students. The school will be providing students with predicted grades based on our professional judgement of their ability, previous achievements, previous assessed work and their potential. At some stage in the summer term or next autumn we will be expected to justify these predictions.

It is possible that this coronavirus crisis may not last as long as initially predicted and there may be a chance that schools may return at some point after Easter. It is highly unlikely that the Government will change its mind about the exams, but it would still be a good idea for the students to keep on studying until at least May 7th just in case. Staff will, therefore, continue to post revision work online until this time for them to complete. This will also give the students the opportunity to continue to learn, to improve themselves and to show what level they are working at. It will be good preparation for their A Level and University studies.

In year 13, any student with coursework to complete, for example in History, English, Media, Art, Textiles, Sport, ICT, Health and Social Care, Applied Science and Business Studies **must** ensure that this is done. The exam boards will definitely want to see this to support any predicted grades we make. Their teachers will support them with in completing this work.

As a reminder, to access work the students need to go to Google Classroom, <https://classroom.google.com>, and *Showmyhomework*. They can access Google Classroom using their school computer username with the addition of @apps.laretraite.lambeth.sch.uk, for example smithj221.208@apps.laretraite.lambeth.sch.uk. The password will be their school computer password.



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Communication will be key over the coming weeks but please consider the following points:

- The school will continue to run with a skeleton staff and the School Office, School Leaders, and Safeguarding teams will continue to be contactable through the usual methods.
- Teaching staff will not have the capacity to respond to parent email as well as to the students and we would ask you to be considerate of that. Where there is an issue relating to learning please contact the school via enquiries@laretraite.lambeth.sch.uk or schsec@laretraite.lambeth.sch.uk and the message will be passed to the appropriate Year Learning Coordinator or a member of the Leadership Team. They will liaise with the necessary member of staff to address the situation.
- Students should also check their school email for regular updates from their teachers. They can access via the link on the school website.

Both Year 11 and Year 13 were on track to achieve excellent results and we were anticipating the best results the school has ever had at both levels. Your role is key in helping them to keep focused and maintaining their excellent study skills throughout the next few months.

As we receive updates from the Government, I will share these with you. Thank you for your excellent support and thank you to your children for their amazing effort.

Wishing you all well,

Dominic Malins

Headteacher

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