



CHENEY SCHOOL

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Ongoing partial closure

Many thanks to all members of the Cheney community for their support, their understanding and their quick responses over the last few days. I regret to say that our staffing situation has got worse, not better over the course of the day, and even with the whole of Years 8 and 9 at home tomorrow, we still cannot staff all of the necessary lessons. I am therefore going to have to ask Year 10 to remain at home in addition to Years 8 and 9. I cannot realistically see the situation improving in the next couple of days, so this will apply for the rest of this week.

Students should log onto their Google Classrooms at the start of each timetabled lesson (including tutor time) and either do the work posted for them there or join the livestreamed lesson. I am pleased to say that 90% of Years 8 and 9 were engaged in their learning from home today (on a normal day it is just over 94% in school): we have come a very long way in our online provision, although it is not yet perfect. If there is a problem of any kind, please email the teacher concerned, copying in the year team, so we can help to resolve problems and improve how we teach online.

Provision for other year groups remains unaffected, and Cheney Plus, School Within a School, and 8* will also continue as normal.

Remote working week

Many thanks to all the parents who responded to the survey about a remote working week in the last week of term. There have been 523 responses, and 91% are in favour of the plan. All year groups will therefore work from home for the final week of term. This is in response to the number of positive Covid cases in the last week, to the staff shortages and to ensure that all families can have an uninterrupted Christmas. I must emphasise to students that this is not an early holiday: we expect all students who are not unwell to log on to their Google Classrooms and to follow their normal timetable.

School will remain open to any students who have connectivity difficulties (and we will require students who do not engage to come in), or whose parents will have childcare problems, provided that they have not been asked to self-isolate. School will also remain open for students of 7*, 8*, School Within a School and Cheney Plus. The canteen will be open for students who are in school, and the normal pattern of the day will be followed. Students should come into school by the attendance gate (currently the Year 11 entrance) and bring their own earphones, as we are planning to put students in a supervised year group computer room to join their lessons remotely (unless their teacher is in school).



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In addition, there are a few key events for exam years, such as the **Yr11 Sport BTEC exams**, and the **Yr11 Food Technology coursework practical** which will take place as planned. Departments will be in touch separately with further details for those concerned. We will also be running the **Year 11 mock results morning** between 8.30 and 10.30 on the morning of Friday 18 December, where students will come in to collect their results and can ask staff for advice or support. A letter about this and about reports will come separately from Miss Hussain, our Assistant Head in charge of assessment.

Term will end with a year group assembly on Friday 18 December, where the winners of our first house competition will be announced. For Sixth Form, Year 7 and Year 8, this will run from 12.30 to 1.15, and for Years 9 - 11 from 1.00 to 1.30.

Many thanks for your understanding and your continued support,

Rob Pavey

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