

Daily Covid19 update from Worthing High School

Dear parents and carers

We will be issuing a daily update to all parents and carers. We intend to issue this each day after lunch to enable you to plan for any changes in relation to the continued operation of our school.

Key messages today are as follows:

- As things stand currently, all year groups (apart from Year 9) are in school tomorrow as normal.
- As many students are now self-isolating in Years 7,8,10 & 11 our teachers are working hard to upload their daily lesson materials to Showmyhomework. This work will be coded as “work for students Self-Isolating” so that those students still attending school do not think it is homework to be completed.
- Students who absent from school, either because their whole year group is working from home or because they are self-isolating, should follow their normal timetable where possible.
- Significant amounts of work has also been set on SAM Learning, in a range of subjects, in addition to the tasks in ShowMyHomework. Students should be able to independently work through this.
- All students should have a reading book and would encourage a minimum of 60 minutes reading per day. If your child doesn't have a book, please encourage them to go to the LRC and choose one. WSCC libraries are sadly now formally closed so please take advantage of our amazing LRC facility. (Year 9 all took a book home yesterday).
- For those students self-isolating if they require more blank exercise books/paper to complete work at home we hold supplies in main reception. These can be collected after 9.00am and before 13.30 each day that we remain open – but please do not come into school if you are self-isolating.
- If you son/daughter needs a text book – please email the relevant teacher and we may be able to arrange for one to be collected from student reception from 09.00-13.30 whilst we remain open. Please do not send anyone into school who is self-isolating.
- Our intention is to issue all Free School Meal students with Luncheon Vouchers worth £2.50 vouchers for each day we remain closed to any full year group. This is only available at the moment to Year 9 students. We hope that these can be collected from main reception – certainly to last for the period up to Friday 3 April . Students must have a permission letter from home or alternatively you are welcome to come in and collect them yourselves – please ensure no one who is self-isolating comes into school. Please come in between 9am and 13.30 to avoid peak periods.

- Unfortunately, Time for Dance, which was due to be held from Monday 30 March has been postponed by the organisers. A more detailed communication will be sent to those parents/carers affected tomorrow.
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Pan Panayiotou
HEADTEACHER

Wednesday 18 March 2020

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