



8<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers

### Re: Remote learning for Year 11

We hope this letter find you in good health. As you may be aware, a number of Year 11 students at Rosedale College have been in direct contact with someone known to have tested COVID positive. Therefore, in accordance with government guidelines, this group must self-isolate. However, your child has **not** been included in this group and therefore we are minded to ensure that for parity in delivery of lessons, with the number of staff isolating, that the rest of the Year 11, access their lessons remotely. We understand that this might prove difficult for some, and if parents, guardians and carers foresee that there may be difficulties in accommodating students at home for this duration, please do make contact with the College Reception via phone or e-mail. As a College, we will support any families that might find this period difficult and will make provision for our students, where applicable.

All students will have access to their normal lessons live online and will be required to participate so as to mitigate any risk of falling behind due to learning loss at this stage of the term. The Government have made it clear that schools and colleges must not disadvantage students by planning to bring the Christmas term to an early conclusion. Furthermore, ministers have recognised where attendance in person is possible it should be encouraged as the means of guaranteeing quality provision.

That being said, this decision has been made in the best interest of the college community at large and in order to facilitate the most effective learning of the Year 11 cohort. We have therefore made a uniform decision to have Rosedale College's Year 11 cohort, work remotely from Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021. As previously done, the College will ensure those students who need access to a device will be allocated one.

This action has been taken in order to maximise learning and to ensure that all of our students can access quality education. Your child will attend their normal lessons via Microsoft Teams and should seek to follow their usual timetable. In rare cases where live lessons cannot be accommodated, appropriate and challenging work will be set via Assignments. The homework schedule will also be maintained. We will continue to deep clean the College site and ensure that the site remains a safe place for all, providing hand sanitiser, and promoting handwashing and the maintaining of social distance.

**The College remains open as planned for all other year groups and they should continue to attend as normal if you remain well.**

### How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds;
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available;
- wash your hands as soon as you get home;
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze;
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards;
- Maintain your distance of at least 2m where possible

### Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

With best wishes

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