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Re: Coronavirus – Year 11 and Year 13 students in self-isolation

Dear Year 11 and Year 13 students, parents and carers,
I am writing to the Year 11 and Year 13 students and their families who have made the sensible decision to self-isolate in response to public health guidance regarding the coronavirus pandemic, or who made need to do so in the following days and weeks. Firstly, may I send my very best wishes for a swift recovery, should you or one of your family be suffering from the coronavirus condition.

Secondly, may I thank you for taking responsibility to look after yourself, as well as the rest of the school community, by not spreading the virus to other people. I am mindful that you will be considering the impact of absence from school on your examination work and would reassure you that the school will do everything in its capacity to support your achievement of the qualifications for which you have prepared during the last two years. 'Ofqual' is the government department that regulates all public examinations and, as such, has a range of measures to tackle this kind of situation. It means that all students who are due to take examinations, this Summer, will be looked after in the same way.

At Blackfen School, we have already followed Ofqual guidance and updated our examination routines to reflect the particular context of the spread of coronavirus. I will keep you updated, as information is received from Ofqual or from other government departments.

In the meantime, if you are well, please make every effort to maintain your study routine by completing work directed by your teachers in lessons. Students are able to access their Office365 login here: <https://www.office.com/> and login as normal, using their network login followed by @blackfen.org, in order to access their school email Inbox, their calendar, OneDrive, SharePoint and Teams as well as other tools.

Relevant websites for independent study or follow-up on classwork, homework and coursework or for general research are listed in the '[Home Study](#)' page on the school website, located under "School life" and then in the "Parents" section. At the bottom of the 'Home Study' page, two other documents offer further help: "Reading across the Curriculum" and "KS4 Passport to Success". In the [Curriculum section](#) of the School website you will find information about the Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 curriculum at Blackfen School and in the 'Sixth form' section, you will find information on our Sixth Form Curriculum.



I trust that all of this information will help students to adopt a temporary period of independent study.

My best wishes to you and your family.



Matthew Brown
Head Teacher

