

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

Dear parent/carer

From Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, the school will be closed until further notice for the overwhelming majority of students.

This is a directive from government and is part of the national strategy to control the spread of COVID-19.

Students will now continue their learning from home. We have developed the learning materials that each student needs to work from home. Pupils will be expected to complete three lessons each day. Work and instructions will be posted on ePraise. In addition, pupils should continue to read their library reading books.

The timetable for each year group is set out here:

#### Years 7-9:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English Maths History	English Maths Geography	English Maths French	English Maths Science	English Maths Science
Projects				

Year 7-9 students will have three sessions to complete each day which should take them one hour each **AND** they should spend an hour each day on their choice of the projects which will be set by their other teachers.

#### Year 10

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English Maths Science	English Maths Science	English Science	Maths Science	English Maths Science
<b>Options:</b> French History Art	<b>Options:</b> French RE Art	<b>Options:</b> Geography RE Geography Photography	<b>Options:</b> Geography Computer Science Photography	<b>Options:</b> History Computer Science PE

\* Drive \* Integrity \* Scholarship \* Contribution



Health and Social Care	Health and Social Care Product Design	Music PE Food	Music Business Product Design	Business
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Year 10 students should complete their English, maths and science work as well as work which is set by their option subject teachers. Each session of work should take approximately an hour.

## **Year 11**

We are working with United Learning to agree the best approach for our Year 11 students. We will not be asking pupils to continue with a revision programme, as there will be no terminal GCSE exams this year. The guidance below will be updated once we have a clear indication how GCSE grades will be awarded.

Pupils who are studying a GCSE that has a coursework element should work hard to complete their coursework if it is not already finished. Teachers will be in touch with students via ePraise to offer guidance and confirm that coursework is complete. This also applies to students who are taking vocational courses including Sport and Food and Nutrition.

We would encourage pupils to keep studying for subjects that they intend to take at A Level. By the week commencing 30th March, teachers will post optional revision and online learning materials for those pupils. This will help them to secure the important foundation knowledge for GCSE that is needed for a successful start to Level 3 studies in Sixth Form.

If any pupil has not completed a mock exam in one of their GCSE subjects, the school will be in touch to arrange for the exam to be taken.

## **Frontline School**

Nova's provision to support the children of critical workers and vulnerable students will take place at Swindon Academy with Nova Hreod staff working at that site during the period of closure. This support will be exactly the same as students are receiving from home but will be supervised by staff.

Jobs and professions that are defined as being critical workers are outlined here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If you are a critical worker and have not yet filled in the survey we sent you last week to request your child attends school, please call Mrs Robinson on 07809 495032.

The parents and carers of all vulnerable students have now been contacted by the school to make arrangements for their attendance. If you have not been contacted by the school and believe you should have been, please contact us as soon as possible via 07809 495032.

Other than those categories of students listed above, no other student will be allowed into the Academy unless this has been agreed in advance, in writing, with the school.

## **Free School Meals**

Information about the arrangements for those who receive free school meals to continue to do so will be emailed to parents separately.

We will be sending out regular updates to parents but if you have any urgent questions please contact the school by email at [closure@novahreodacademy.org.uk](mailto:closure@novahreodacademy.org.uk). We will endeavour to answer these as quickly as we can but please bear with us at this time.

Any urgent safeguarding issues should be reported to [closure@novahreodacademy.org.uk](mailto:closure@novahreodacademy.org.uk).

On behalf of all the staff at Nova Hreod Academy, we would like to thank you for all your co-operation and support this week and in the weeks to come.

Learning from home is a partnership between parents and school. We will come through this together as a school community.

Please keep safe and follow all the guidance on hygiene and social distancing to minimise you and your family's risk of infection.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Robinson  
**Executive Principal**