



# HIGHWORTH WARNEFORD SCHOOL

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## Home Learning – Years 10 and 11

Dear KS4 Parent/Carer

Further to my letter earlier in the week, I am sorry to report that we currently have a very large number of both staff and students absent from school at the moment, and it looks like the next two days will be a particular pinch-point. Some of this is because of COVID, but there are also other viruses and bugs in circulation that are not helping.

The number of absent teachers is a major issue in terms of being able to cover lessons in a way that allows for meaningful learning, and we are also incredibly stretched with the safe supervision of young people during social times. Therefore, I am going to ask students in Years 10 and 11 to move to Home Learning for the last two days of this half-term to ease these pressures.

I understand that this won't be a popular decision with some parents, not least because of the lack of notice. However, most COVID cases are in these two year groups, which gives us a little longer as a natural break that includes the holidays. Also, our older students are undoubtedly better-equipped to work independently for a couple of days than year groups lower down the school.

- As has previously been the case, work will be set as per students' timetables via Class Charts. Staff will be contactable via email if there are any queries or questions. It is important that this work is completed to the best of their ability – these are not days off!
- If there are over-riding reasons why your child cannot be accommodated at home for the next two days (access to IT etc) then please email me directly ([astele@warnefordschool.org](mailto:astele@warnefordschool.org)) – we will be able to supervise a *small* number of KS4 students to do the same work that their peers will be tackling.

I am genuinely sorry to have to take this approach but I honestly believe it is in the best interests of everyone in the school. I am hoping that we can have a fresh start after the break and that things have stabilised.

Yours faithfully,

Andy Steele  
Headteacher

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