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Dear Parents and Carers,

Due to the high Covid-related staff absence we are experiencing at the moment, the decision has been taken, in consultation with the Local Authority and the Governors, that we will move to a mixture of on-site learning in the morning and remote learning in the afternoon starting from tomorrow (Wednesday 23 March) and for the rest of this week.

This situation will be reviewed at the end of the week when we can assess our projected staff levels for next week.

The Year 11 trip to the Globe Theatre to see Macbeth as part of the English Literature GCSE programme will go ahead tomorrow as planned.

In order to manage the situation and ensure quality of learning is provided, the following process will apply:

- Students will leave school at the end of period 3 and go directly home. If your child is entitled to a free school meal, they will be directed to collect their lunch as they leave by their Pastoral team.
- Work for periods 4 and 5 will be set for your child on Google Classroom. This work must be started upon their arrival at home. The deadline for this work to be uploaded will be 4pm. Work on Thursday will be pastoral based, as already outlined in our letter to you dated 24 February, although students will be leaving at the earlier time of 12.00.

Whilst there is no longer a requirement from the Government to have a twice-weekly Lateral Flow Test, I would advise while you still have access to the free tests you continue to test your child regularly as Covid cases continue to rise across the borough.

It remains the case that if your child is unwell with Covid symptoms they are not be sent to school.

The following procedures and practices remain in place:

- Students and staff sanitising hands on arrival at the Academy.
- All on campus to practice good hand and respiratory hygiene.
- Doors and windows to remain open to allow for good airflow.
- Staff and students to wear masks if they wish to.
- Housekeepers and Premises staff are maintaining thorough and deep cleans.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during what continue to be difficult and challenging times.

Yours faithfully

Miss S Malone
Principal



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