



Dear Parent/Carer,

Early School Closure and Mind Mental Health Workshops

You will be aware that we are undertaking a year-long programme of work with the mental health charity, Mind. Part of this work involves training workshops for our staff and the opportunity for similar training for our parents/carers. Please note the following arrangements to accommodate this work.

EARLY SCHOOL CLOSE – TUESDAY 18 JUNE 2019

To allow for staff training, we will be closing at **12.20pm** on **18 June**. Students in Years 7-9 will attend periods 1-3 as normal. There will be an extended break to allow those on free-school meals to get their lunch.

Students in Year 10 will be sitting their second GCSE statistics examination on the morning of 18 June. All candidates must be in on time in the morning (8.30am) as they have to be in isolation until they sit this paper. The finish time for the exam is estimated at between 12.15 - 12.30pm. The boys will be allowed to leave the site straight after the examination, although they are welcome to get their lunch from CucinA, prior to leaving the site. They will need to be off site before 12.50pm.

Students in Year 12 who are due to sit an internal end-of-year examination will continue with the scheduled examination as planned. Those students not sitting an examination will be given leave to study at home for the afternoon.

PARENT/CARER WORKSHOPS – THURSDAY 27 JUNE

Our MIND trainers will also be running a 2-hour workshop for parents/carers on 27 June. This will be an informative, interactive and collaborative session designed to give parents/carers a greater understanding of mental health issues, how they can impact young people, and signs and symptoms of which you should be aware. The workshop will also provide practical advice on how to support young people's mental health and build their emotional resilience, as well as offering information about where parents/carer can go for further support. On 27 June there will be two available slots:

- a morning session (9.00 - 11.00am)
- an evening session (6.00 - 8.00pm).

If you are interested in attending one of these sessions, please reserve your space via the online form [here](#). A reminder will be sent nearer the time.

In advance, I would like to thank you for your support of this important work.

Yours faithfully,

Euan Ferguson
Headteacher