

Tuesday 13th June 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: School Closure - Tuesday

As you are aware, unfortunately we had to take a decision to close unexpectedly on Tuesday 13th June 2017. We did however manage to remain open for the year 11 Maths examination. I am aware that the closure caused lots of issues for parents in terms of childcare and in some cases transport and I appreciate your understanding in this matter. I can assure you that we took the most sensible decision in the circumstances to ensure the safety of all staff and students.

The circumstances are that we had a small fire in the school. Fortunately this was isolated to one classroom in the school and the only lasting damage is to that room which will need to be fully refurbished in time. Additionally, much of the students Art work is affected and this will be upsetting for some students. Despite this exam work had already been assessed and so grades will not be adversely affected, nor will anyone who is currently studying Art or is due to start an Art course soon.

An investigation is taking place into the cause of the fire although it is most likely that an electrical fault led to the fire starting and we are fortunate that it happened very early in the morning before any students were in the building. Having assessed the scene and taken advice from the fire authorities we took the decision to close mainly due to the risk of health and safety issues due to not having an operational fire alarm system. This has now been rectified. In addition the site team have been working tirelessly to return the building to normal and ensure it is safe and clean for **students to return as normal on Wednesday 14th June 2017.**

Once again I thank you all for your understanding and look forward to returning to business as usual tomorrow.

Yours sincerely



Rob Marsh
Principal

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