

Dear Parent /Carer

The Prime Minister and Department for Education have announced that all [schools and colleges will be closed from 4pm on Friday 20th March](#). In order to prepare for online and remote learning the college will close to students today, Thursday 19th March and to staff tomorrow on Friday 20th March. We expect students to log-on tomorrow to ensure that they can access work and communicate to staff during this period.

We will be switching to on-line and remote learning on all our courses until the Easter break which starts 4pm on Friday 3rd April. We hope to be able to resume normal college operations after the Easter break on Monday 20th April; however, it is entirely possible that this date could change - if it does, we will post a message on the college's website.

This closure will mean the college will use on-line and remote learning to ensure that all students continue to learn and study during this time. Teaching staff have informed students how they will communicate and set work with your son/daughter during this period and students should continue to study and prepare for any online assessments as Exams will not take place in May or June. We are waiting on further announcements from OFQUAL, UCAS and the Ministers regarding how students in year 12 and year 13 will be able to progress without official exams.

Cheadle and Marple Sixth Form College have been working on and have developed guidance for teaching staff and students in relation to distance learning. We are confident that continued learning will remain during the closure period.

Staff, parents and students may have questions and concerns about the coronavirus outbreak, now called (COVID-19) so please refer to Government Guidance, [government advice](#) during the days/weeks ahead. And please find ways of staying in touch with your friends and family, even if you are required to self-isolate.

The Prime Minister, Department of Health and Department for Education is closely monitoring the situation and coordinating with the schools and colleges to share information as it becomes available.

This is an evolving situation, so please read and check back on information supplied by the Department for Health and Department of Education, if you are unsure.

We will continue to update parents and students via email, as and when we receive further information. In the meantime, please ensure that your son/daughter study from home using the different platforms that we provide to ensure learning continues, in preparation for any end of year assessments.

We realise that the extraordinary circumstances caused by the COVID-19 virus and please continue to follow [government advice](#) during the days/weeks ahead.

We are all looking forward to a time when all members of the Cheadle and Marple Sixth Form College community can get back to normal operations. For now though, we must all commit to doing the best that we can to look after ourselves and each other in these extremely unusual and challenging circumstances.

Regards

