



# Bishop David Brown School

## Vision Statement

*"To be an outstanding school, providing a stimulating educational environment enabling students to achieve their full potential."*

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last night brought news that schools will be closing to all students, except for those students who are vulnerable and/or students whose parents/carers are key workers.

More importantly however, is the news that students will not be taking their GCSE examinations. I have to admit that, like you, this news has upset me greatly. I have been so proud of the students' focus and maturity over the last year. However, a decision way beyond my influence has been made and we need to move forward.

Although the government has announced that GCSE and A-Level exams will not now take place in May and June, students should be mindful that there will still be some mechanism for awarding them with qualifications. For this reason, it is really important that they continue working through the set work/coursework to the best of their ability, just as if the exams were still going to take place. When we have more information we will of course update all Year 11 students.

I am currently seeking clarification on how final grades will be worked out and will be in touch shortly with further details.

Given the national situation, I am allowing Year 11 students to finish school today. If you are a key worker and you wish your child to be in school, please email me directly at [jrogers@bdb.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:jrogers@bdb.surrey.sch.uk).

I spoke to the students this morning and have reiterated that they still deserve, and will get, all of the celebrations they should. I will be asking Mr David and Miss Broad to be organising these later in the year. Details of Prom will also be forward to you in due course.

I want to thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

Yours sincerely

James Rodgers

Head of School



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