# SMITH'S WOOD ACADEMY

# **Coronavirus Update**

## Supporting education in the event of a school closure or partial closure

## What if the Academy closes?

Should the decision be made that the Academy is to close or close to particular year groups, we will communicate this via our normal platforms and as such we would ask that you ensure you that you have downloaded the MyEd App and follow the school website site and our Twitter and Facebook pages for any updates.

Should the Academy be forced to close, please be assured that considerable work has already been done to ensure a continuity of learning for all of our students which, given how close we are to GCSE and BTEC examinations, is especially important for our year 11 students.

### • Home Learning activities – all year groups.

Curriculum Leaders for all subjects have produced home learning activities for students in all year groups that is directly related to the work they are currently studying. Full instructions and resources for all home learning activities can be found on the school website in the Our Academy section and by selecting Curriculum. The work set by our departments is considerable and will be updated approximately every 2 weeks. Your support to ensure the work is completed is most welcome.

#### • Year 11 students

We expect our year 11s to complete work throughout the period and to prepare for their examinations as normal. As well as the Home Learning activities, work will be set on **GCSE Pod** and students should log-in and complete the activities set by their teacher. Additional work will be provided and communication between students and teachers via school email addresses is encouraged and expected. We will provide the year group with additional guidance and information as a matter of urgency this week.

#### • OneDrive from Microsoft

Resources for some BTEC subjects will be made available via OneDrive for our year 11 students and they should make sure they speak to the teachers and the year 11 team to ensure their school email address is working so they can access their work.

Should there be any changes to GCSE and BTEC examinations and coursework we will communicate any information we receive from the DfE via our normal communication platforms as soon as we can but I must emphasise that no student should consider the closure of the Academy an excuse not to work and to this end, your support is required and much appreciated.

If you have any questions or questions regarding any aspects of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy at your convenience.