



## Haberdashers' Monmouth Schools

From the Principal **Mr James Murphy-O'Connor** MA Oxon

18th March 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Agents,

In the last couple of hours, we have been told that schools in Wales will close by Friday. We had been expecting this and so will put in place our contingency plans to support our pupils remotely. We will now action the following steps:

- Preparing all pupils, in an age-appropriate way, to ensure they have the textbooks and materials they need to work at home.
- All boarders need to return home as soon as possible. If you have been unable to change your child's flight, international boarders should stay with their guardians from Friday evening. Please liaise with your child's boarding house parents or housemaster as a priority so that we can work together to sort out any issues.
- From Monday, we will put in place our temporary remote learning plan. You will be contacted by your child's Headteacher shortly with more detailed information.
- If we are unable to reopen as planned on 21st April, you will receive a structured educational programme for your child, including the necessary online resources.
- We continue to press exam boards to brief us on their contingency plans for this summer's GCSE/IGCSE and A level exams. We will inform all Year 11 and 13 students as soon as we know anything.
- We will advise on amended fee structures as soon as we have a handle on likely disruption and timescales.
- Finally, we understand that this will have an enormous impact on our parents' ability to work. Recognising how many medics we have amongst our parent body; we are currently in discussion with Public Health Wales to see if we can provide any care in school to help them continue to deliver vital healthcare services on the frontline.

We are striving to provide as much support and normality for your children as we can under these challenging conditions. We do not underestimate the enormity of the situation that we face as a nation and I would like to thank you for your on-going support.

With my very best wishes,