

### Monday 22/5/20

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

We hope that this letter finds you safe and well. This week sees the end of module 5, with next week's half term week starting with a bank holiday. As no students are booked in on this day, we will be closing the school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May. We'd like to remind you that we will not be setting our usual home learning next week, but there is plenty of additional work on our website and sharepoint sites if needed, as well as excellent resources on BBC Bitesize.

We would like to say a big thank you to all of the students for the hard work they are doing. Learning in this way is new for everyone, but the resilience so many have shown at this time has been fantastic to see. The skills of managing your own learning and having to learn from a variety of resources without your teacher present are ones that will become very important to you as you go through life and in particular if you study at higher levels, such as A levels or university. We would like also to offer our congratulations to those you of you who have received certificates for your distance learning efforts.

# Government update

The school is now in the position of taking action to make the school safe for a limited reopening of the site in June. When we begin to reopen, it will be for those students who already have access to our emergency care and for Year 10 students. This will be the limit of our provision for the foreseeable future. We are waiting to fix a firm date for this and will let you know as soon as we are able.

When we do reopen, our working day (times, timetabling, classrooms, breaks, lunches – everything you can think of really) will be altered in order to maintain a safe and productive environment. Further information will be released regarding this as soon as we are able.

# Year 9 options

We have been working hard behind the scenes to put together next year's timetable and finalise the options choices made by Year 9. We are nearly in a position to let you know and will do so as soon as we have finished.

#### **Home Learning**

Mrs Black has put together a feedback form for students regarding the home learning activities that we have been setting and the range of materials we have used. If your son/daughter receives one of these in the coming weeks,

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we would love to hear their thoughts so that we are able to assess how we best manage this type of learning in the future.

As always we thank you for your continued support. Please stay safe and if you need to contact the school please continue to use the <u>pembroke@prioryacademies.co.uk</u> address.

Yours faithfully

The Priory Pembroke Academy