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Dear Parents/Carers,

School Closure Update Monday 4th May 2020

I hope you are well and continuing to remain safe. We still await news from the Government of the next phase of dealing with the pandemic, including the reopening of schools. We are hearing speculation in the news that when schools do return, then a phased approach will be likely; however, until we receive further direction from the Welsh Government, we continue to focus on home learning and remotely staying in touch with our students on a regular basis.

Communication

We are pleased that we have made contact with virtually every student individually across the school. Please could you remind your child to **check their emails** daily as form tutors will be in touch again this week.

Home Learning

Well done to all the students who have been working at home and completing the work set. Please could you encourage your child to complete the work on the [website](#). The deadline for the work from this current fortnightly block is the end of the week. Please contact your teacher via email if you need any help. New work for the next fortnightly block of learning will be posted on the website next Monday.

Vouchers

Vouchers for free school meals were emailed last Thursday. If you did not receive your voucher, please contact the school via email. The vouchers are intended to last two weeks; therefore the next voucher will be sent out the week beginning 11th May.



Sanitary products

Newport City Council has provided free sanitary products for all students. These can be collected from school on **Thursday** this week between **10.00am and 12.00pm**.

Google Classroom Notifications

Students have noticed that they are receiving a lot of automated emails through Google Classroom. These emails are notifications which are sent every time the Classroom is updated. [This slide](#) explains how to switch off these notifications.

Year 11 and Year 13 Students

Qualifications Wales has launched a [consultation document](#) on how standardisation and appeals will work for this year's GCSE, AS and A level grades. The document is accompanied by a survey for students. Please take the time to read the document and contribute to the consultation so your views are heard.

Information will be shared with Year 11 students over the coming fortnight regarding the process for enrolment onto our Post 16 courses this September.

And finally ...

Please keep checking your email, the school website, Twitter and Instagram to keep up-to-date with school news.

Please remember that it is a four-day week this week. Friday is the VE Day bank holiday which is also this year's Early May Bank Holiday. Please take the time to enjoy a long weekend (even if it is at home). There is no expectation for students or staff to be working on Friday.

We look forward to the day when our students are back and we recommence normal school life . Until that time, please do keep safe.

Yours faithfully,



Mr D. Curtis
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