

Ref: DJB/Comm/Rec/Ltrs/SQD

18 November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**RE: PARTIAL SCHOOL CLOSURE AFFECTING YEAR GROUP 9**

Fairfax Academy will remain open to students in Years 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13

In consultation with the CEO of the Fairfax Multi Academy Trust, the Senior Team and I have had to make the difficult but pragmatic decision to partially close Fairfax Academy based on the safe levels of staffing required to ensure student safety.

We are prioritising keeping the academy open to year groups that have forthcoming examinations. The partial closure will be in place from Thursday 19 November until Friday 27 November. Year 9 students should return to school on Monday 30 November.

As Head of Academy, I sincerely appreciate these are difficult times, but rest assured that student safety is our highest priority. Thank you in anticipation for your support in maintaining some sort of 'normal' school routines and encouraging your children to undertake the work set by teachers via Show My Homework and on Microsoft Teams in order to ensure they continue to make good academic progress.

We will continue to update you via our school website and email.

Work for students during this time of closure will be posted on Show My Homework and will advise students if they should log on to Microsoft Teams. Students receiving Teams lessons should ensure their video facility is switched off.

Please be assured that Fairfax Academy will continue to follow the guidelines from Public Health England and Department for Education.

Yours sincerely



**MRS D J BUNN**  
**Head of Academy**