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**COVID-19 UPDATE:
ST JOHN'S TO MOVE TO SKELETON SCHOOL FROM THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 2020
FOR YEARS 7, 11 AND 13**

Dear Parents and Carers

I referred yesterday in my letter to you that St John's Academy is trying to operate to the best of its ability within the current outbreak of the COVID-19 virus. This situation has now developed to the point where we will need to close the Academy to certain year groups for the foreseeable future. As of Thursday 19th March, St John's will only be able to have students in from years 7, 11 and 13. Years 8, 9, 10 and 12 will need to work from home.

We have rewritten the school timetable to ensure lessons will be taught by specialist teachers as far as possible, and we will shortly be sending out new, individual timetables for all students in years 7, 11 and 13. We will also issue printed copies to students this afternoon.

If you are a key, frontline worker in health, education, law and order or the military and this decision affects you, please can you get in touch with us on: covid19@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk as soon as possible and we will see what we can do to help you.

The recent decisions have not been taken lightly at all and we deeply regret having to be the ones to make them, but we simply do not have the staff to be able to operate the school normally for the time being.

Our plans for this eventuality have been gathering pace. There should now be a great deal of resources available for students to access online (Show My Homework and their school email account), and we have ensured that all students will be bringing home their exercise books, portfolios and other resources so that they don't just need to rely on using IT. Further advice and guidance can also be found on the school website and everything will be updated regularly throughout this situation.

Please be assured that we will be in touch regularly and we will always be accessing the various points of contact that we would expect you to use. In the meantime, please do stay safe in this difficult time and if you have any questions, queries or anxieties you must get in touch with us.

Yours faithfully

**Ian Tucker
Principal**

