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Dear Students and Parents/Carers,

For those of you who were unable to attend the assemblies delivered on Thursday 19th March, I wanted to update you with regards to the sixth form's provision as of Monday 23rd March, in light of the government's recent announcement that schools will experience enforced closure.

Obviously, these are incredibly uncertain times, but we have been working around the clock to ensure that students at SM6 will have access to as normal a curriculum as possible. Thus, we have created an online portal, accessible via Microsoft 365, on which all teaching and learning resources for each lesson, each week will be placed. It is expected that students follow their usual timetable and complete all work set.

There are also a variety of other key pieces of information and advice available via the SharePoint including a Study Guide, a link to the school's website, which will be updated regularly, a link to the SMC Reading Cloud and a 'Support, Advice and Guidance' section, the latter of which includes key contacts including teachers' e-mail addresses and other support contacts. Indeed, we urge students to check their e-mails regularly and be proactive in contacting their teachers with any questions they have. A link to the PowerPoint and Help Sheet can be found [here](#).

We acknowledge and share the deep frustration and concern that the announcement to cancel examinations has brought. Whilst it is not yet clear what mechanisms will be put in place to ensure that students obtain the qualifications that they have worked so hard for, we are firmly reassured by the Government and Ofqual that no student will be disadvantaged. We will ensure that all influence is exerted to impact positively on the outcomes our students receive and will post regular updates through the online portal to students and through our website and social media feeds to parents.

While these are uncertain times, rest assured that we are doing everything we can to ensure that students at SM6 continue to receive a World Class education, albeit remotely.

Thanks in advance of your support.

Kind regards,

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