



# Aston Manor Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is always our intention to keep the school open for all students so that as many students as possible can attend and participate in classroom lessons. There are times, however when we have to make a decision to review that position in light of staffing. Currently we have a large number of staff who are unable to attend school due to reasons associated with COVID-19, and we know that absence will continue through next week. This makes it impossible to staff all classes throughout the school day. We would much rather take a planned approach to our decisions, although there are times when decisions have to be made quickly to respond to the changing situations evolving around us.

We have now taken the decision for sixth formers to finish this Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 3.20pm. Students will then only attend next week for their designated PPE exams (they must arrive 15 minutes before the exam takes place at the specified area) but no lessons in school will take place.

Staff will ensure that students are well-prepared for the vocational exams that will take in place in January and that the work packs/revision materials are distributed. Some teams lessons are planned for next week and students are aware of those times.

A-Level staff will prepare students this week, ready for them to take their PPE's next week.

The sports academy training sessions will still take place for both basketball and football during the final week.

I would like to reassure you that all of our procedures have been followed with regard to limiting the risk of transmission across the school. I continue to request that parents keep their children at home if they are unwell in any way, and that students social distance when they leave the school gates. By not following the guidance students are putting others at risk, I ask that Years 12 and 13 please take note of the government advice when not at school.

For those students who access free school meals, we are able to provide food parcels, but we will need you to contact us, and collect from school. Please ring school if you are eligible for free school meals and would like a food parcel. We aim to have the food parcel available within 48hrs of your phone call.

All sixth form students are expected to return to school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. I would like to thank for your continued support and co-operation during this time.

Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Jill Sweeney  
Headteacher

