



13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Year 9 Parents,

We have taken the decision to cancel Year 9 Work Shadowing which was due to take place next Tuesday and Wednesday. This is because of the ongoing concerns and contingency planning around coronavirus. Even though we do not think there is any greater risk of pupils catching or spreading the virus by visiting different places in London, some employers are encouraging people not to visit offices and workplaces. We are also worried that our ability to visit and to communicate with pupils while they are taking part might be disrupted.

It is obviously always disappointing to cancel such an important event in the school calendar and to have to do so at short notice. Mr Barton and Ms Al-Hariri had worked incredibly hard to organise the work placements for pupils and I know many families had also supported the school in organising work shadowing themselves. However, the health and safety of our pupils must be our top priority and therefore we believe this is the right decision.

We expect all Year 9 pupils to be in school as usual next week, and they will follow their regular timetable and curriculum.

For the same reason, the planned visit to Kings University on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March for Year 9 pupils involved in the King's Scholars scheme will also not take place.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do let myself or Mr Barton know.

Guy Rimmer  
**Vice-Principal (Head of Secondary)**