



Woolwich Polytechnic  
**School for Boys**  
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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Coronavirus Update Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020**



### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION – please read**

As you will probably have heard by now, all schools across the country will be closing from the end of the day, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.



Some of you will still have children coming into school so that we can support you during this time; these will be the children of Key Workers and those children identified as being in vulnerable groups. We will be planning how this works today and let you know as soon as possible.



Although our building will be closed, we are open to teach our students throughout this closure through home learning and we will continue to be open to support you all. We will not be very far away: we will continue to be available through email to answer questions and concerns. We will also be posting more guidance and expectations for each year group on our website shortly.

Every student in the country is in the same situation and therefore we are not at any more of a disadvantage than a student from Cornwall, Yorkshire or any London Borough.



But, and this is crucial, students will be at a disadvantage if they lose the drive to succeed. It is so important that they maintain a level of determination and continue with their constant and focused study routines



There will be students across the country who will be maximising their time to push themselves. There will be students across the country who will use their time to master the current curriculum and beyond. There will be students across the country who will have private tutors that will enable them to continue to progress towards their long-term goals.

It is now down to the individual student to take ownership. Teachers will be online during lesson times and will upload work on Microsoft Teams. Please support your children by asking them to:

- **Keep to routines**
- **Keep their drive**
- **Keep their aspirations and secure their dreams**



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We know that exams are expected to be delayed or cancelled. At this stage, we are waiting for guidance from the Department of Education to be clear about how progression will be determined but we are being assured that no one will be disadvantaged and that everyone will get the qualifications that they deserve.

In uncertain times, I am proud to say that I am certain of a number of things that apply equally to our students, staff and our wider community: I am certain that our students will continue to learn, even if in new ways; I am certain that we will continue to support you all during closure; I am certain that we will return to normality as soon as possible.

This may be a difficult and worrying time for families and I want to reassure you that we are here as your Poly Family to support each and every one of you during this period.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. J. Plumb', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr T Plumb  
Head Teacher

