



# HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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*For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So, we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever. (2 Corinthians 4:17-18)*

19 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and students in Year 11

Today is truly one of the saddest days in my educational career, and to stand before you, Year 11, this morning, as Mrs O'Loughlin and I did, and talk to you/them about the news the Government shared yesterday to close school to all but the most vulnerable and those whose parents are, as yet undefined, key workers, and to cancel all public examinations and assessments forthwith, was one of the toughest things to share.

I wish I could be more certain with you/them all about the future and how qualifications will be awarded, and post 16 pathways allocated and confirmed but please rest assured that as soon as I have more information on this I will get it to you all as swiftly as possible.

In the meantime, Year 11 are not expected to attend school forthwith and there will be no more lessons. School will be closed to Year 11 from tomorrow, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Sadly, while I would love to have Year 11 in school tomorrow, I do not have enough staff to operate a full school opening.

In the coming days we shall review how we can continue to offer education to Year 11 and how we might bridge the learning gap between now and post 16 study.

Any future events for Year 11 are under review but highly unlikely to happen, this includes the Year 11 Prom.

Please remember, as I said this morning, that "once a member of the Hagley family, always a member". Your time at Hagley will never be lost and the wonderful young adults you have developed into and the contribution you have made to make this school great will always be noted and fill us with great pride. Thankfully many of you will return to us in the future to continue your post 16 studies and your journey with us will continue.

Our care and support do not end here, and should you need anything we remain open to you all via email in the weeks and months ahead.

With every good wish, prayer and blessing.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Hodgson  
Principal

*When this is over, may we never again take for granted*

*A handshake with a stranger*

*Full shelves at the store*

*Conversations with neighbours*

*A crowded theatre*

*Friday night out*

*The taste of communion*

*A routine check up*

*The school rush each morning*

*Coffee with a friend*

*The stadium roaring*

*Each deep breath*

*A boring Tuesday*

*Life itself.*

*When this ends,*

*may we find*

*that we have become*

*more like the people*

*we wanted to be*

*we were called to be*

*we hoped to be*

*and may we stay*

*that way - better*

*for each other*

*because of the worst.*

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