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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the announcement yesterday, we will be closing the school for the vast majority of students on Friday but remaining open to cater for vulnerable children, children of key workers and those with EHCPs. We await more detailed guidance from the government about who might fall into the first two categories. I will be in touch again once we know who we will be looking after and what type of provision we will be able to offer but I wanted to reassure all parents that we will remain in touch and aim to provide as much support as we can.

We are also working through implications for our Year 11 and Year 13 students who will not now be sitting exams. The majority of our students were working really hard and had set their sights on success so this will hit many of them very hard. Whilst some may be rejoicing at the prospect of no exams, most will feel a sense of loss and they have undeniably missed out on a “rite of passage”. The good news is that no student will lose out – although we are also waiting for clarification on this, it is likely that predicted grades and results from Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) and other assessments will be used to ensure that students can progress on to university or into our Sixth Form. Mr Fenner is keen to work with Year 11 students and will be in touch with ideas for how they can use this period to help prepare them for success in the Sixth Form next year. Once we are able to, we will certainly be inviting all our “leavers” back into the Academy for a special assembly and the Prom will certainly take place at some point in the future so look after those suits and dresses!

In terms of remote learning, our staff have already planned to hold an extended twilight session tonight where they will be working in subject teams to plan for our Google Classroom provision. Tomorrow, I will share more detailed information on how parents can support us in ensuring that OBA students continue to make good progress in their learning.

The most important thing, however, is that we continue to look after each other’s health and well-being. OBA prides itself on being an extended family so, in times like these, we know that the principle of families “sticking together” is all the more important.

Take care.

Yours sincerely

Tony Rawdin
Interim Principal