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Dear Parents / Carers

Following the recent announcement we will close the Academy for Year 11 from Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 until further notice. I am really sorry for this and we will try to minimise any disruption by moving to a learn at home model.

I have spoken with year 11 on several occasions this week and have reassured them that they are my priority and I stand by this. Today Year 11 had an assembly and we reassured them that they would not be disadvantaged with no exams this year. We will work closely with the Department for Education, Exam Boards and the Trust to ensure this is a smooth process in time for results day and students receive the grades they deserve in time for their next educational setting. At this time we do not have any more details. As soon as we do, we will inform you.

Students will be coming home today with all their notebooks and are aware of the work that needs completing. Students are aware that they need to use Class Charts and GCSE POD to complete tasks. Students should follow their daily timetable and spend this time completing the tasks that have been set by their individual class teacher. Staff will reply to all emails and they will copy in their line manager into any correspondence.

We have also have set up a virtual tutor system whereby a member of staff will call parents every few days to chat over any issues. We would like Year 11 students to join this call so they can discuss what they have completed. Students will have access to teachers email addresses and they can contact us during the school day for any guidance required.

Although we have checked that all students in school today can log onto both portals, please alert us immediately if you are unable to access Class Charts/GCSE POD via [info@failsworth.coop](mailto:info@failsworth.coop) with the heading Class Charts issues. Please provide the student name and your contact details so we can verify this and support you. This work will allow curriculum continuity so students are not disadvantaged by the Academy closure.

Whilst this is not an ideal replacement for the Academy being open I hope you can see we are trying to ensure that our Year 11 students are not disadvantaged compared to other closed school settings. Once we are informed of the arrangements that will be used to award grades or of any further examinations later in the year we will let you know. As this current point in

time, nothing has been announced. I am told the Education Secretary will release further details tomorrow.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely  
Phill Quirk  
Headteacher