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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In light of the statement made by the NI Executive yesterday evening, I am writing to make you aware that our school will be closed from Monday 23rd March until further notice.

We will continue to be advised by the NI Executive, Department of Education and CCMS in relation to the Coronavirus outbreak and the re-opening of our school and I will communicate with you when required.

To those parents of pupils in Years 8-10 please encourage your daughter to follow the Study Timetable which will be posted on our School App and Website today. Our teachers have and will continue to upload resources and learning material on the Showbie online learning platform for Years 8-10 pupils.

Students who were due to complete GCSE or GCE exams in May/June should continue to study and complete coursework to the best of their ability. At this stage the Education Minister has not indicated how results will be awarded to students however information is due to be sent to Principals very soon. Teachers have been speaking to the students about the potential of the closure of schools and have given the girls important information about how and what they can do at home. There are different platforms that teachers use to share work with students such as Google Classroom, Microsoft Teams, Emails etc., please ensure your daughter is completing at least 4 hours work at home each day she is off. A Study Timetable will also be posted on the School App and Website today.

The Education Minister and Exam Boards will work with schools to ensure that schools are fully aware of how to proceed and have indicated that students will not be disadvantaged in any way.

I will continue to keep communicating with you when necessary.

In the meantime, please stay safe and look after each other and hopefully we will all get through this difficult period without too much impact on ourselves or our families.

We appreciate your continued support during this very challenging time for all of us.

Yours faithfully

Miss D Crawley

Principal



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