



16 March 2020

Dear Parents

Many of you would no doubt have seen the President's announcement as well as the planned closure of school's starting from Wednesday 18 March. We are pleased with his clarity as well as the decisive measures taken to protect all concerned.

The following are the measures put in place at ISCT as a result of the President's announcement.

- Meetings for KS1 & KS2 parents scheduled for this week have been postponed until further notice.
- The Big Walk scheduled for 9 April has been postponed.
- The Year 9 hike scheduled for later this week has been postponed.
- The excursion planned to the Fugard theatre for "Master Harold and the Boys" has been cancelled.
- The High School Colours assembly planned for 20 March has been postponed.
- The KS2 Interhouse Swimming Gala on 18 March has been postponed.
- The KS2 Market Day planned for 2 April has been postponed.
- ISCT's Open Day planned for 7 April has been postponed.
- Extra curricular activities for this week (16 to 20 March) have been cancelled.
- The Cambridge Awards evening scheduled for 19 March has been cancelled.

The school will be closed from Wednesday 18 March and will reopen on Tuesday 14 April, when lessons should resume. If there are any changes to these dates we will inform you.

- High School reports will be made available on Friday 20 March.
- There will no longer be a mid-term break between 28 April and 30 April next term, in order to make up for some of the lost teaching time.
- Teachers will come in on Wednesday 18 March until Friday 20 March in order to prepare work that will be presented to students online. Most of the teachers will use Google Classroom and they will include enough work to off-set the eight days of teaching we will lose as a result of the extended closure.
- If for any other reason the school has to be closed for a period longer than planned we will make provision for continued online teaching so that learning can still take place. This will be communicated to you.
- Students needing iPads and chargers will be able to borrow these from school for the time that we are closed in order to facilitate online learning. Parents will need to sign for these accepting responsibility for them. However if you have a PC, laptop, or tablet at home this will work just as well as we would prefer not to send school iPads home if we can avoid doing so. Please [click on the link here to reserve your child's iPad.](#)
- If you do not have access to the internet please contact the school.

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- We will communicate in a separate letter with the parents and students involved in the Cambridge IGCSE program whose exams are scheduled to start at the end of April.
- Both campuses at Struben House and Woodland Heights will be deep cleaned while the school is closed.

Furthermore and most importantly we call upon all parents to take the measures imposed by government very seriously.

- Please avoid travel if at all possible and disclose to the school any plans to travel either locally or abroad, during the period that the school will be closed. We will expect all travellers as well as their immediate family to observe a 14 day quarantine period after their return from travelling.
- The measures regarding the issuing of travel visas should only affect those needing to travel to the countries identified as hot spots and should have no bearing on study visas and work visas already in place.
- Please do not consider anyone not to be at risk of contracting this virus as we are all potential cases.
- Please observe strict hygiene practices and avoid physical contact wherever possible.

Tuesday 17 March will therefore be the last day of Term 1. We will finish at the normal times for each year group. Please note that there will be no Aftercare facilities for Struben House or Key Stage 2 on Tuesday 17 March.

Regards

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