

18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Coronavirus Information and Update – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

I sincerely hope that you and your families are coping well during this very difficult time. I have been deliberately delaying writing to you for a few days because I appreciate how much information is being sent to everybody at the moment and I wanted to only make an announcement when there was something significant to say.

The College has been following government advice closely and we now have made the difficult decision to move to distance teaching from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. **There will therefore be no face-to-face lessons at College from Friday for students until after Easter.** Instead, teachers will be using emails, workbooks and online learning methods to continue teaching your sons and daughters. We have been preparing for this situation for some time now and so everything is set up and ready to go from Friday onwards. Today and tomorrow, teachers will be working with students to make sure that they have everything they need and lots of support systems are in place to make sure that our students can cope with this new way of working.

Whilst we have no confirmed cases of coronavirus at the College, student and staff attendance has dropped significantly and we feel that it is in the best interest of staff, students and their families for students to temporarily be taught at home. The safety and welfare of everyone is our highest priority.

We know that this decision might make you worry about the exams and assessments that your sons and daughters are due to take at the end of the year. At the moment we have had no additional guidance from the government about the summer examination series but things are changing quickly. Therefore, students should continue to prepare for their examinations by completing work as directed by their teachers and we will update you with more information when we have it. What I can assure you of, however, is that we will do everything we can to make sure that your sons and daughters are not disadvantaged in any way.

Finally, I would just like to say that, over the past couple of weeks, we have been impressed by the maturity, compassion and dedication of your sons and daughters, as they face some very worrying times. We are a strong and caring college community and I am confident that we will all work together to continue to make sure that all of our students will continue to be successful with us.

All updated information will be on the College website [www.jcc.ac.uk](http://www.jcc.ac.uk) and will update this on a regular basis. In addition, we have set up a Parent Helpline so, if you need anything at all or have any questions, please just contact us on: **07584 040623**.

I wish you all the very best.

Please take care and look after yourselves.

Tony Day  
Principal