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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Coronavirus – School Closure

Firstly I wanted to thank all of you that have been in touch with us over the past few days with really positive messages and votes of thanks. We are truly grateful for all of the positive communication in what has been, and remains to be, a very difficult situation for everyone.

I am deeply proud of the way that the students and staff have reacted to the news over the past few days they have demonstrated real grit, resilience and determination. I know I will continue to be proud of the way the students and staff create a new digital learning environment.

A consequence of the closure has meant that exams nationally will not go ahead for our Year 11 and 13 students and whilst this is hugely disappointing I want to ensure that the message I shared in assemblies is heard more widely too. The exam would have been a culmination of the hard work and effort that the students have put in over the last 2 or 4 years with us at UTC. None of this is in vain. The knowledge that the students have acquired will inevitably be tested, whilst not in a GCSE or an A level, it will be needed to ensure they are successful on their next step. My team and I are developing some offers to make to Year 11 students for September and an offer of support for Year 13 students for their destinations. More information to follow.

I held assemblies with all year groups on Thursday and Friday. These assemblies will ensure that all students know what is expected of them during this period of school closure.

Each student was provided with a pack containing a pad, pen and some paper resources along with a Year Group specific Home Learning Pack. The instructions on how they will conduct their home learning are detailed in the pack and also available online here - <https://www.utccrewe.co.uk/covid-19-coronavirus/>. The students were also directed to find all of the resources they will need on a day to day basis in Microsoft Teams. If anyone is experiencing difficulties accessing any of the resources then please contact their Form Tutor in the first instance and they will be able to arrange some support.

It is critical that all students, especially for those in Year 11 and 13, continue to engage in the work that the teachers set and complete to the best of their ability.

If your child normally receives free school meals you should have now been contacted with the arrangements going forward.

Finally, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support. I will keep you updated as more information comes.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr L McDaid
Principal

