



# Noel-Baker Academy

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Dear Student

We are writing to you following the announcement by the Prime Minister last night that all schools are closing for the foreseeable future and the May and June GCSEs will not take place.

We know that you will be anxious about the implications of yesterday's announcement for your future education and training. When we have further information, we will share it with you and will continue to support you throughout this time.

All of our lessons for the rest of this week will continue as normal and as long as you are not self-isolating, we expect you to attend school. We will be providing work for you during the period of closure, and you will also have online direct access to your teachers and pastoral lead via email.

You will be given access to your teachers' email addresses via your school email address, which you will have been shown how to access in school. If you need to ask any questions about your work, you will be able to email your teacher by typing their first initial and then their surname into the address book in Office 365. They will aim to respond to you as soon as possible – please be patient though – some people may be able to respond straight away but some people may be unwell or looking after someone else who is unwell.

We are also aware that you may need to speak to your pastoral lead. Mr Lumber would still be available on his email in school hours, just like when school is open. If you have anything urgent you want to seek advice over or if you need the support of your pastoral lead urgently, Mr Lumber will have a school phone. This phone will be switched on throughout normal school hours. The number of this phone is: 07458 079 586. This phone can be called, or a text message can be sent to it.

If you are worried about anything outside of school hours, you will still be able to email staff but be aware they may not be available until normal school hours. If you have an urgent worry and it is outside of school hours you could seek advice from Childline (0800 1111), the police (101 or 999) or Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Board (Derby City 01332 641172 or if you live in Derbyshire 01629 533190)

We want you to know that we are extraordinarily proud of all of you. We know you have focused for a very long time, showing hard work, dedication and determination in all that you have done in preparation for the summer examinations. We are so very sorry that this decision has been taken, and for the stress this has caused.

Yours sincerely

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