



City of Armagh High School

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Dear parents/guardians

I am sure you are all aware of the decision that the Executive has made regarding school closures in Northern Ireland. City of Armagh High School will be closed from Monday 19th October and will reopen Monday 2nd November.

The Minister of Education, Mr Weir, has stated in his letter to all schools that next week is to provide an extension to the half-term break therefore schools are not being asked to provide remote learning next week. In "normal times" it would be the case that some subject areas would prepare work for pupils over the holiday period therefore over the past few days teachers have been informing pupils if they are required to complete any work and they will have be resourced accordingly. We appreciate your support with this.

We are aware that parents and pupils may be concerned about the impact upon learning during this time and pupils can complete revision of topics covered by using books and work to hand or already posted on MS teams/onenote.

During the two weeks of closure we would encourage everyone to take some time away from school work to recharge and rest.

As per the Ministers direction schools must allocate two optional days as part of the extended closure. As a result, the school calendar had been adjusted as follows:

1. November 13th 2020 all students will now be expected to attend school
2. May 4th 2021 all students will now be expected to attend school

An updated version of our school calendar can be found here: <https://www.cityofarmagh.org/parents/holiday-list/>

If you have a COVID-19 related query/incident over the half term holiday which you need to inform us about, then please contact the school using the school's email address: info@armaghhigh.armagh.ni.sch.uk

I would like to take this opportunity to place on record my thanks to all pupils, parents and staff for your continued support and understanding in such challenging times.

Yours sincerely,

K Mulholland

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