

Queensbury School

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Wednesday 26th February 2020

Dear Parents/Carer,

Re; Sixth Form Closure – Asbestos Removal

The school follows an Asbestos Management Plan. Due to the year the school was originally built, there are significant amounts of asbestos within the integrity of the buildings. We have been removing asbestos as works have progressed across the school site gradually. All students, staff and visitors are safe as the asbestos areas are all sealed, protected and monitored regularly.

However, the planned asbestos removal scheduled for the Easter holidays within the Sixth Form building is more significant than anticipated after recommendations from specialist removal experts. Alongside this we also have encapsulation of the boiler room due to asbestos. Currently we are unable to access the boiler room until this is completed. This means if the boilers were to malfunction, we would not be able to fix them until the asbestos is removed, resulting in long term school closure. We need to mitigate and avoid this risk and hence a key school priority.

The planned works recommended were originally two weeks but this has now increased to 5 weeks. This work cannot wait because we need to be able to access these relevant areas to maintain the education for our students and exams.

Therefore, the main school will open for Key stage 3 and 4 Students as normal but the **Sixth form building will need to be closed for 2 weeks before the Easter holidays, during the 2 week Easter holiday and one week after the Easter holidays. This therefore means we will need to reduce the provision for this period of time for the Sixth Form students** but have **put in contingency plans** in place to minimise the disruption.

This will predominately effect classes: **6.1N, 6.2E, 6.3E, 6.4E, 6.5E and 6.6D**

Sixth Form Students will not be able to attend normal lessons for this period of time at Queensbury School as the whole Sixth Form building will have specialist tents placed around the fabric of the building for safe removal of asbestos. No staff or students will have access to this building during that time.



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Contingency Plans in place:

- 1) The school has set up **drop in timetabled clinics** and sessions for Sixth Form classes at **Wilson Stuart School Sixth Form and The Hive College** (Perry Common Road, Erdington B23 7AT). These sessions will **only be for the set periods of time available** due to the capacity of those schools and colleges timetables. During this time, **families would need to organise transport** to and from the sites to attend these lessons. It is vital that if students attend, they are dropped off and picked up at the set times. Staff delivering sessions will be required to deliver lessons back at Queensbury School and will not be able to wait with students. We will not be able to provide Lunches so students will need to bring a packed lunch if their session is over a lunch period. (**See Timetable attached**)
- 2) Staff will also be **setting students with project work** to go home and be completed whilst off from Sixth Form. The clinics are designed for any questions regarding their accredited work.
- 3) Work has been prioritised for their accreditations.
- 4) The school has brought forward the 6th Form residential (*Monday 30th – Friday 3rd April 2020*) for some groups so this will be during this Sixth Form closure.
- 5) The school has arranged work experience for some students during this time.
- 6) The school has notified the exam boards and have managed to move some accreditation dates back.
- 7) Staff that teach the Sixth Form will still be within Queensbury School and if you require to contact them over this period you can leave a message with reception on **0121 373 5731** and they will return calls in their non- contact time.

The school takes any closure very seriously but has a legal duty under health and safety act 1974 & 2015 to operate safely. This is not a decision we have taken lightly but is unfortunately necessary. Please see attached timetable for this period. If you have any questions or queries feel free to contact myself or Mrs Bushra Adnan (Assistant Head teacher in charge of Sixth Form)



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DATES of CLOSURE:

WEEK	DATES		
	Monday 23 rd March to Sunday 29 th March 2020	School closed for Sixth Form Students. Open for Key Stage 3 and 4.	Asbestos Removal
2	Monday 30 th March to Sunday 5 th April 2020	School closed for Sixth Form Students. Open for Key Stage 3 and 4.	Asbestos Removal
3	Easter Holidays — Monday 6 th April to Sunday 12 th April 2020	School closed for Sixth Form Students. Open for Key Stage 3 and 4.	Asbestos Removal
4	Easter Holidays — Monday 13 th April to Sunday 19 th April 2020	School closed for Sixth Form Students. Open for Key Stage 3 and 4.	Asbestos Removal
5	Monday 20 th April to Friday 24 th April	School closed for Sixth Form Students. Open for Key Stage 3 and 4.	Asbestos Removal

- Sixth Form Building to be reopened on **Monday 27th April 2020.**

Yours sincerely

Mr David Bishop

Chair of the IEB
On behalf of the IEB

Mr Chris Wilson

Interim Head Teacher
with executive powers



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TIMETABLE:

Day	Times and rooms	Class Groups Invited to attend
Monday	HIVE 11-1.30 Hive 3, 11-2 Hive 1	6.1, 6.3
Tuesday	HIVE 11-3 Hive 2, 11-2.30 Hive	6.2, 6.4, and 6.6
Wednesday	HIVE 11-3 Hive 2	6.3, 6.5
Thursday	HIVE 11-3 Hive 1, 12-2 Hive 2,	6.1, 6.4
Friday	HIVE 12-3 Hive 6, 12-3 Hive 1	6.2, 6.5 and 6.

***These learning sessions will run for Week 1,2 and 5 (No Sessions will run during the Easter Holidays week 3 & 4)**



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