

# Kingsmead School

A partner academy in John Taylor MAT

Head of School: Mrs M Mincher, BSc, NPQH

King's Avenue, Hednesford,  
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Dear parent / Guardian,

I am writing to inform you that we have to undergo some emergency repair work on our existing heating system from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2019. This is an essential, emergency repair.

To reduce the impact on students and learning we are going to leave the heating on overnight on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> so that when turned off on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>, the residual heat will make it possible to remain open on Thursday. **All students should come to school as normal on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January** but may wear **warm non-uniform**, as the temperature will drop during the day.

On Friday, we are able to offer **warm rooms for year 11** in the morning but other year groups will be asked to work from home unless they are in **6<sup>th</sup> form and completing a mock exam**. Year 11 should wear **warm non-uniform** on this day. In the afternoon, Year 11 will be asked to work from home, the day will end at **12.00 noon** with a short morning break of 10 minutes. **Year 11 students** in receipt of free school meals will be able to take a grab bag home with them on this day.

**Extensive work** will be provided for all students. Staff will use **Flip learning and GCSE Pods** to ensure that students are working hard all day and still making progress. **Staff will be available** throughout the day by **email to answer questions and support learning**.

I want to reassure you that we are frustrated that at this important time of year we are having to take this action. However, by doing it in a planned way rather than reacting when the heating completely fails, we are reducing the impact on our students.

We are assured that work will be completed on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> of January**, and I will keep all parents, guardians and students informed through the **school website on Sunday**, as soon as I am made aware of news. Please check our website [www.kingsmeadschool.net](http://www.kingsmeadschool.net)

## Summary

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January** – Open as normal all students wear non-uniform warm clothes

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January** – Closed to years 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13 (unless in a mock). Students work from home on tasks provided, shared through show my homework. Staff available on email.

Open to Year 11 until 12.00 noon (non-uniform warm clothes may be worn). In the afternoon, students work from home on tasks provided, shared through show my homework.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> – Emergency repair work should be completed. Updates on the school website.

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Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Normal opening resumed

If this creates any child care issues for your family please contact school and we will try to support with an alternative.

Best Wishes and thank you for your support in this difficult issue, we know that it is not ideal but are **trying our best to reduce impact** to a minimum whilst keeping **students and staff warm and safe**.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Mincher'.

Maria Mincher  
Head of School

