



18 December 2020

Dear Families,

As you are already aware, 4<sup>th</sup> January is a training day for our staff so we are closed to students. Following the latest Government announcement from the Department of Education, Thorns Collegiate Academy will only be open to Year 11 students from Tuesday, 5 January 2021 to Friday, 8 January 2021. All other year groups will be taught remotely with a timetable and guidance to follow in the New Year. This is to give schools time to prepare staff in the procedures for lateral flow testing which will take place in the Spring term.

The details of the Government announcement can be found using the following link:

[Staggered rollout of coronavirus testing for secondary schools and colleges - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/staggered-rollout-of-coronavirus-testing-for-secondary-schools-and-colleges)

We will update families regularly should the Department for Education make any more changes during the holiday period. We expect **all** students to return to school on 11 January.

Yours sincerely

**Mr M Kelay**

**Principal**

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