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Dear Parent or Carer,

We have made the difficult decision to send students in Year 13 home today to complete their lessons remotely for the next two days. Students in Year 13 will return to school on **Monday 4th January**.

Over the past few days, there has been a rise in the number of positive cases of Covid 19 within the Sixth Form and we also have a significant number of teachers isolating. In the interests of health and safety on both counts, we have decided this is the best course of action to keep pupils and families safe.

Your daughter will learn from home for the next three days using Mulberry Learn powered by Microsoft Teams. Other students will remain in school as usual until the end of Thursday. School will end at 3.30pm. As previously communicated, Friday is an INSET day and no children are expected to attend school.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind families that Year 13 have their second set of Pre-Public Exams the week beginning 11th January, and therefore it's vital that students use their time at home to prepare for their mock exams.

Teachers will be setting lessons on Microsoft Teams for all students. If your daughter has any difficulty accessing Microsoft Teams she should email helpdesk@mulberryschoolstrust.org or contact her Head of Year. Occasionally we are having to ask teachers to cover lessons elsewhere in the school – if this is the case your daughter will be asked to review her learning and revise content from the term.

Over the next few days, we will be in touch about the mass testing opportunities being made available by the government to try and bring the virus under control. You will be able to have your daughter and any family tested at mobile testing units situated locally both before and after Christmas so that vulnerable family members can be protected.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do our best to answer them as quickly as possible.

This remains a critical period of time where our emphasis is that everyone remains safe and as well as possible. We ask for your support whilst we continue this delicate balance.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

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