



# ULVERSTON VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parents

## School Closure

It is with regret that the decision has been made to close UVHS to students in Years 11 and 13 with immediate effect. In light of the government's announcement that there will be no public examinations for GCSE or 'A' Level students, sadly Years 11 and 13 will not return to school.

Tomorrow school will be open for Year 7 students only and the children of keyworkers. These students should report to the main hall on arrival in school. We will be keeping the situation under constant review and further information will be provided through the school website and by email/text as it becomes available.

The Department for Education (DfE) has launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education.

Staff, parents and students can contact the helpline by telephone and email:

Phone: **0800 046 8687**

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

The helpline is open from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday.

We wish our students in Years 11 and 13 well and we have explained to them that hopefully in the fullness of time when this awful epidemic has passed we will be able to say goodbye to them properly and formally. It is our intention to go ahead with the Year 11 and 13 formal proms at a date in the future yet to be confirmed. We cannot give firm assurances about anything as I am sure you appreciate. Today has been an emotionally difficult day for students and staff alike and we have done our best to guide them through what is a completely unknown and extraordinary series of events with clearly more to come.

As mentioned earlier, we will keep you informed of further developments as soon as we are able.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Hardwick  
Headteacher

