



17 July 2022

School Closure Monday 18th July 2022

Dear parent / carer

The temperature forecast for High Wycombe on Monday has increased to 35 degrees. The vast majority of classrooms at school do not have air conditioning and during the day, the classroom temperatures can increase significantly above the temperature outside. The layout of our school site requires students to go outside to move between classrooms and there is no shade in the areas that we use for canteen and kiosk queues at break and lunchtimes.

We have reviewed our risk assessment in light of the most recent forecast and have determined that the school cannot operate safely for students or staff on Monday in these extreme conditions. **As such Sir William Ramsay School will be closed on Monday 18th July.**

Remote learning will be set for students using SatchelOne so that staff and students can manage the times when they work and not have to sit in front of a computer during the hottest parts of the day. All work will be uploaded by staff by 9am on Monday morning.

Students who are eligible for Free School Meals will receive a voucher later this week.

Please note that the End of Year Awards Ceremonies for Y10 and Y12 and the Science Crest Award Evening that were scheduled for tomorrow will all be cancelled. We will look to reschedule the End of Year Awards Ceremonies for later this week if possible and will be in touch in due course with further information about a date and time. The Science Crest Awards will be judged in class later this week.

We will review the position during the day on Monday to determine whether a full or partial opening on Tuesday is possible and will be in touch with parents/carers by Monday afternoon with further information.

We had very much wanted to avoid this outcome, but the red weather warning of extreme heat is unprecedented. Even with the mitigations that we had planned, we do not think we will be able to ensure that all students and staff remain sufficiently cool and hydrated to make the conditions safe. With apologies for the inconvenience that I know this decision will cause but the health and safety of our students and staff is paramount.

Kind regards

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