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CRESTWOOD
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers

Yesterday was an exceptionally trying day, with multiple gas-related issues. The good news is that **Cherbourg Campus will open to all students on Wednesday, 18 November at 8.00am. Lessons will be delivered as per the timetable.**

Specialist engineers remain on site and are continuing their work to identify and isolate the leak. Please be assured that our heating and hot water systems are unaffected; however, the gas supply is currently suspended to the school kitchen, Science Labs, and Technology department. While a faint odour of gas may occasionally be noticeable, the premises have been assessed as safe, and there is no risk to students or staff.

This means:

- All five year groups (Year 7-11) will return to the Cherbourg campus with their normal timetables.
- There will be an adapted menu for the foreseeable future until we can get a gas supply back.
- Certain areas of the school will be cordoned off to ensure the children's safety during the ongoing work. The school has undertaken all relevant Risk Assessments.
- Students entering via Cherbourg Road will enter through the bike shed gates, Chestnut Avenue will be open as normal.

Transport

School transport will operate as normal for all students and those selected and identified students who will be attending Cherbourg. Vehicles will collect students at their usual times and drop them off at the appropriate campus. If taxis are used, companies will be notified.

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Will reopen for those students enrolled there.

Final thoughts

Thank you for your understanding and continued support in what has been a very stressful time for all involved.

- Year 11 Cherbourg students have been amazing at Shakespeare
- Shakespeare students have been awesome and coped with the extra 250 bodies in the building really well
- Parents, you have been so fantastic supporting your children with home learning
- Year 7 to 10 Cherbourg students, we have really missed you
- The staff at Crestwood are truly wonderful and resilient

Yours sincerely

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