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Principal: Jon Francies

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: C Block Closure

As you may have heard, we have closed C block today in response to a potential issue with some of the ongoing improvements works.

The academy has been carrying out improvements to fire systems and during that work a contractor may have disturbed ceiling tiles that could contain low risk asbestos. As a result, we are following the guidance from the Health & Safety Executive in responding to a potential low-level disturbance, by informing you and closing the affected areas until air and sample testing has been completed, to confirm whether or not that asbestos material is present.

It is understandable that the mere mention of asbestos can be alarming, but we are confident that any risks have been kept to a minimum. An investigation into the events surrounding the potential incident will take place once the outcome of testing is known. Please be reassured that the potential breach is small in nature and the material is otherwise intact.

Whilst we wait for the results of the testing, C block will not be used. This means that, unfortunately, we will need some year groups to learn from home over the coming days.

On Friday 6th May, we would ask that all students in **Year 10** learn from home.

On Monday 9th May, we would ask that all students in **Year 7** learn from home.

Work will be provided via Classcharts, so that students will not fall behind.

If you cannot accommodate your child at home, please contact the Academy so that we can arrange alternative provision.

Thank you for your support and understanding. The safety of our students and staff is at the centre of all decision making. We will be in touch again on Monday, once we have the results of the testing.

Kind regards,

Mr J Francies
Lead Principal

