



Welcome to everyone reading this first newsletter of the school year from the Sixth Form Team. As we arrive at the end of an incredibly busy term, and year, we would like to take the time to commend our Sixth Form students and thank parents for supporting them.

Year 12 have made a fantastic start to life in the Sixth Form! We are really impressed with how students have adapted their working styles in this first term - their work ethic, resilience and maturity has shone through! Students have also shown their independence by completing wider reading and managing their time effectively.

Year 12 students have just completed their first formal set of assessments and we have been incredibly impressed with their forward planning and proactive approach when preparing for this. When students receive their feedback in the new year, they will be able to tweak their approach to exams where necessary. These assessments will feed into their next trackers which will be issued in early February 2021.

Year 13 have worked incredibly hard during this first term. Day to day lessons and exam preparation have been in full flow. UCAS applications have been completed, with many students receiving offers from their top choices.

Trackers for Year 13 went live on Go4Schools last week and we will enter into a dialogue with students where there are any areas for development. Likewise, we hope that parents will have these conversations at home in order to ensure that all students are on track for success in their summer exams. Mock exams for Year 13 will begin on January 7 and students should aim to include some revision over Christmas. Many students have already been busy with their preparation over the past few weeks, and we know this will continue.

Although 2020 has been a difficult year for us all, the sense of community we have here at Tring School is truly phenomenal. We hope that all students and families will have a chance to relax over the Christmas break, spending quality time together and having some rest. Thank you for your support of Tring School. We wish you a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing the students again in 2021.





Head Student Team

Hi to all from the new Head Student Team! This year our team is made up of Maisy and David, Head Students, and Charlie and Katie, Deputy Head Students. Our mission is to celebrate individuality and to combat bullying. Kindness is an important attribute that we know all students possess, and we hope to see this throughout our time with our project. So far this term we have looked at ways to get clubs online and running again, and also at going about events to support Hectors House in COVID-19 friendly ways. These are important to us as we want all students to have the opportunity to meet new, different people, and to embrace their passions despite the current situation. We hope that you enjoy following the progression of our project this year and that you have a lovely Christmas!

Hectors House - Year 12 and 13 COOL

For both Year 12 & Year 13, we had the privilege of welcoming Lotte from Hector's House back into the school for recent COOL sessions. Lotte highlighted their key message: 'Eat, Move, Love' for our Year 12's as well as reminding our Year 13's of ways to help them deal with the pressures of exams and strategies on supporting their mental health.

Lotte was able to deliver her session virtually to both year groups via video link, while students watched on from their classrooms. We are so impressed with these students who have been excellent at embracing these changes in delivery style for these important COOL sessions.



Active Citizenship Project 2020/2021

This year, Year 12 students are undertaking an Active Citizenship Project - with a twist.

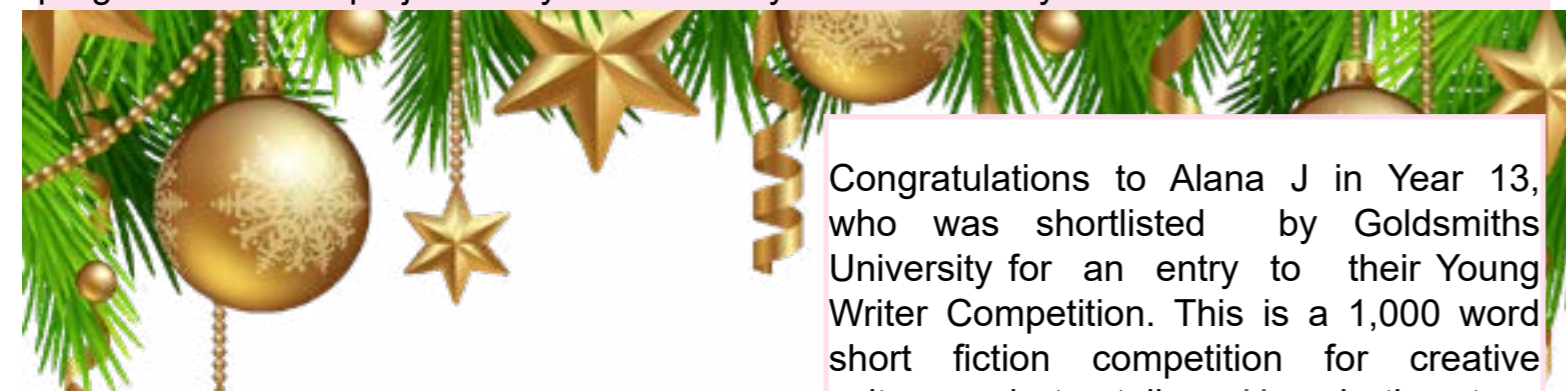
Every year, our Year 12 students undertake a project, with the aim of helping either the community, the school or the environment. The aim is to encourage students to build their skills of resilience, independence and determination, while giving back to others. Students find this an invaluable addition to include on their references, CVs and personal statements as it shows the wonderful extra curricular activities that they are undertaking. Every year, we are stunned by the amazing ideas our Sixth Form students have and the fantastic, innovative ways they choose to help others - 2020 is no exception.

This year, given the difficulties that we have all faced, we are naming the project: The Kindness Project. We are focusing on how we can spread joy and love through acts of kindness; how deeds of kindness (however big or small) can greatly impact the lives of others.

Students are encouraged to work in groups of between 1-6 in order to plan, prepare, implement and display their project. They will have time in their COOL sessions, as well as time outside school, to get their project complete before the final deadline of 11th February. Students have been excellent at thinking up new and exciting ways to implement their projects, despite the restrictions that social distancing has put upon them. We are extremely impressed with the way students are using online and remote tools to continue their group work outside of the classroom.

Already, we have groups who are underway, with some excellent ideas including writing letters to people in care homes; volunteering at local kennels; making care packages for unwell or needy people; helping the homeless this winter and raising money for charities - to name only a few! What wonderfully kind Year 12 students we have!

We are really looking forward to seeing how these projects progress and we will share the winners with you next term!



Congratulations to Alana J in Year 13, who was shortlisted by Goldsmiths University for an entry to their Young Writer Competition. This is a 1,000 word short fiction competition for creative writers and storytellers. [Here](#) is the story.

University, Careers and Apprenticeships Newsletter

Please follow link [here](#) to visit our new University, Careers and Apprenticeships Newsletter. This contains lots of useful information including key university dates and university advice along with information on careers and apprenticeships.

Important Information

Please visit the Sixth Form area of the school [website](#) for more information about life in the Sixth Form, including: six expectations, dress code, attendance, home study, tracking and monitoring.

Sixth Form Key Dates 2020-2021

December	
w/c 7 December	Year 12 Assessment Fortnight (in lessons)
Friday 18 December	End of Term
January	
Wednesday 6 January	INSET DAY
Thursday 7 January	Term Starts
Thursday 7 January - Friday 15 January	Year 13 Exams
Monday 18 January	Sixth Form Application Deadline for Year 11s
February	
Monday 1 February	Year 12 Work Experience Launch 6pm
w/c 1 February	Year 12 Tracker issued
w/c 15 February	Half Term Week
March	
w/c 1 March	Year 13 Tracker issued
Monday 8 March	Higher Education Evening 6.30pm
Monday 29 March - Friday 9 April	Easter Holiday
April	
Wednesday 14 April	Year 12 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 21 April	Achievers' Wall Presentation 1.35pm - tbc HB/HG Team Leaving Tea Party - 4.00pm - tbc
w/c 26 April	Year 12 Internal Exams
May	
Thursday 13 May	Year 13 Final Teaching Day
Friday 14 May	Year 13 Leavers' Assembly
Friday 28 May	Year 13 Champagne Reception followed by May Ball - tbc
Date tbc	Year 12 Higher Education Convention
June	
w/c 7 June	Year 12 Tracker/exam results issued
July	
w/c 5 July	Year 12 Work Experience Week
Tuesday 20 July	End of Term

