



Tring School

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Dear Parents / Carer

As we near the end of the academic year, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and encouragement through what has been extraordinary times.

I would like to formally thank and commend our staff and students for their continued effort and endeavours throughout this academic year. Together, we have strived to provide the students with a high quality and rich educational experience as we have fluctuated between in-person; blended learning and remote provision.

In the media we hear a lot about how students have fallen behind in their learning and the need to catch up and the impact the lockdown has had on students' well being. I don't dispute that lockdown was tough for everyone, teenagers in particular, who have missed out on so many social events and interactions, as well as those students who will understandably feel aggrieved that they have missed out on milestone events, which has been sad. However, instead of dwelling on what couldn't be, we now need to look forwards, plan new and exciting events and create new memories.

Please take a look at our [newsletter](#). Slightly 'lighter' than usual but still some wonderful events.

As always at this time of year, we bid a fond farewell to colleagues who are moving onto new and exciting adventures. I would like to thank all the colleagues below for their hard work and endeavours over a number of years.

Mrs Wiltshear is retiring from Tring School after 31 years of service in a number of roles, most notably as the Headteacher's PA between 2009-2017.

Mrs Newman is leaving us after 29 years of service as Catering Manager, feeding and caring for so many students and staff on a daily basis.

Miss Bullock is emigrating to Australia with her family after 21 years of teaching PE, leading hours of extra curricular sport and competition and leading the PE Department.

Mrs Golla has gained promotion to become Deputy Headteacher at The Misbourne School after a number of roles over the last 20 years at Tring School. These include: teaching the most inspirational PE and H&SC lessons; leading Rock Challenge; Head of House; Head of Sixth Form; Director of Learning; Assistant Headteacher.... I think she is now ready to share her love and energy with students beyond Tring!

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Mrs Kay has gained promotion to become an Assistant Headteacher at the Royal Latin School after 12 years at Tring School as an inspirational English teacher. Mrs Kay has provided outstanding pastoral care to so many students in her roles which have included; Head of Claydon House; Leader of Lifeskills, Head of Sixth Form and Senior Teacher.

Mrs Lea is moving to work in a special school setting working with students with social and emotional health needs following 8 years teaching Maths and masterminding our Outdoor Classroom provision.

Mr Phillips has been with us on a temporary contract teaching Science and PRS and has a new contract with a new school.

Mrs Hannam has been with us on a temporary contract teaching English and has a new contract with a new school.

Mrs Sinha has been leading our cover team and covering many lessons for the last three years and is excited to be starting her teacher training at another local school.

Mr Manser has supported lots of students in the classroom as a Teaching Assistant this year and is returning to university to study Sound Technology.

You won't have failed to notice how quickly our new school is progressing. Mr Dobberson has been keeping the students up to date with progress in his fabulous assemblies throughout the year. We are pleased to share that the project has been kept on schedule and we are more than hopeful to be moving in, in January 2022. Our school build committee and site team have done a fabulous job ensuring that the school life continues uninterrupted. We are hoping that students will have the opportunity to have a preview tour during next term. In addition, we are refurbishing the remaining Beloe and Desborough blocks over the summer holiday. These will be upgraded to match the interior design of the new build.

I am absolutely delighted to share that following the fundraising efforts of staff and parents, we are now in a position to purchase a defibrillator which will be located just outside of the school (exact location tbc). This piece of life-saving equipment will be accessible to both the school and wider community. Of course, we all hope that it won't ever be needed but knowing it is there will be very reassuring. A huge thank you to our very generous parents and staff for making this happen and we hope it will be in position sometime in the Autumn term.

The recent guidance from the Government has stated that students will not be provided with home testing kits for the summer holidays, however, you can obtain your own from local pharmacies. It is important that if you or your child develop any symptoms, you continue to follow the national guidance and obtain a PCR test as quickly as possible.

Start of term arrangements - (this is subject to change depending on national guidance)

At the moment, when students return in September, they will all be asked to complete two Lateral Flow tests on the school site. (Please note that any student who has tested positive for Covid-19 within 90 days should not partake in this testing). We are mindful that we want to start our term in a timely fashion and, therefore, testing will start during the staff INSET days on Thursday 2 and Friday 3 September. Please see the proposed schedule below. I will write to you all again at the end of the summer break to confirm these arrangements.

Wednesday 1 September - Additional Transition Day for Year 7.

Year 7 students complete a Lateral Flow test at home.

Thursday 2 September - INSET Day - students to attend for test appointment only

Test 1	Date/Time	Ascott	Claydon	Halton	Waddesdon
Staff	Thur 2 Sept, 8.00 am - 10.00 am				
Year 7	Thur 2 Sept 10.00 am - 1.00 pm	10.00 am - 10.45 am	10.45 am - 11.30 am	11.30 am - 12.15 pm	12.15 pm - 1.00 pm
Year 12 & 13	Thur 2 Sept 1.30 pm - 3.30pm	1.30 pm - 2.00 pm	2.00 pm - 2.30 pm	2.30 pm - 3.00 pm	3.00 pm - 3.30 pm
Friday 3 September - INSET Day- students to attend for test appointment only					
Year 8	Fri 3 Sept 8.30 am - 10.30 am	8.30 am - 9.00 am	9.00 am - 9.30 am	9.30 am - 10.00 am	10.00 am - 10.30 am
Year 9	Fri 3 Sept 10.30 am - 12.30 pm	10.30 am - 11.00 am	11.00 am - 11.30 am	11.30 am - 12.00 pm	12.00 pm - 12.30 pm
Year 10	Fri 3 Sept 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm	1.00 pm - 1.30 pm	1.30 pm - 2.00 pm	2.00 pm - 2.30 pm	2.30 pm - 3.00 pm
Monday 6 September - Year 7 Induction Day and Year 13 term starts Year 11 to attend for test appointment only					
Year 11	Mon 6 Sept 8.30 am - 10.30 am	8.30 am - 9.00 am	9.00 am - 9.30 am	9.30 am - 10.00 am	10.00 am - 10.30 am
Tuesday 7 September - Term starts for all students - 8.35 am TEST 2 will take place around lessons.					

Timings of the day - We will continue with the existing revised timings of the day until February half term, when we will have moved into our new school.

All students are required to be on school site by 8.35 am and will leave at 3.00 pm.

Breaktime and lunchtimes will continue to be staggered for KS3 and KS4 & 5.

Uniform - Full school uniform is expected to be worn everyday. Please note any additional summer jewellery, piercings, hair colour and nail extensions all need to be removed before the start of term.

We have reached the end of another school year, which has been unlike any other. We need to take time to repair, refresh and be ready for our return in September. We pray for those that have suffered as a result of the virus and any other illnesses and I know you will join me as we wish each other peace and safety over the summer holidays.

We are really looking forward to and hopeful of a re-start of 'all things normal' in September. We are excited to welcome our new students in Year 7 and 12, relaunching a full wider curriculum programme along with performance opportunities and seeing all of the students reignite their passion for their learning.

Until then, I think we have all - students, teachers and parents, earned a well-needed rest. Students and staff should put their Chromebooks away for a while and turn their emails off!

Have a fabulous break, stay safe and well.

Kind regards

Mrs S Ambrose
Head of School