



Tring School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Head of School Update

I hope you and your families remain safe and well during this time.

As you are aware there is little new news for many of our secondary school families, as the expectation remains that we continue to provide our online learning for all of our students for the remainder of the school year, which so many are completing brilliantly.

In line with the Government's expectations, we are extending our provision for students in Year 10 and Year 12, who are due to sit examinations next year. Earlier this week, the Secretary of State did share that these exams will go ahead as planned. Parents of students in Year 10 and Year 12 have received a detailed letter outlining the process for students to book 1:1 appointments with all class teachers. Hopefully, these will be supplemented further by some small group teaching in the final weeks of term for some students.

For many of you, like me, you will be wondering about the plans for the return in September at the start of the new academic year. We are currently working on a 'blended approach', whereby all students will be able to access some face to face teaching in school in smaller class sizes as well as online learning at home. Naturally, we have to wait for more Government guidance and as soon as we have confirmation of any of this I will share this with you.

New Start of Term Dates for the Autumn - At Tring School, we pride ourselves on the comprehensive transition that we provide to all new students. As a result, we always see students adjust and settle very quickly into the swing of secondary/Sixth Form school life. Unfortunately, we have heard this week that we are unable to run these sessions as planned on the school site. We will instead be providing a virtual programme but we are acutely aware that this will not be enough for many students at this time. Therefore, the Trustees and Governors have approved a delayed start of term for current year groups. The return to school for the new Year 7 and Year 12 students will likely be **Thursday 3 September** and Years 8 -11 and Year 13 will likely return on **Monday 7 September 2020**. Once again if future Government guidance prevents this then I will let you know as soon as possible.

I am pleased to share with you that our students are now able to borrow eBooks and Audiobooks from our exciting new ePlatform, until the end of the summer term. The ePlatform is full of best-selling, popular fiction and non-fiction titles which students can read or listen to for free.

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The ePlatform sits within our Accessit Library Catalogue. This can be located using the link on the [Learning Resource Centre](#) page of the School Website where you will also find a How-to-Guide. Alternatively, students can click on their chromebook bookmarks tab, scroll down to Accessit Library Catalogue, click on here to open up the Library Catalogue Home Page, where you will see the ePlatform and then click on there to open and search.

[A guide to using our ePlatform](#)

[Video ePlatform How-to-Guide](#)

Year 7- 10 - All students are still expected to attend all lessons at the timetabled time and attend all hangout sessions. I have been made aware that a small minority of students may be suggesting this is no longer the case!

Year 9 - Thankfully all of the Google glitches have been resolved and students can now access all of their work through the link on Google Classroom. Please thank the students for their patience and perseverance with this matter.

Year 10 & 12- have received a letter regarding the arrangements for 1:1 face to face sessions with their class teachers. Students in Year 10 (new Year 11) are able to wear either blue shirts (if they have been purchased) or their white shirts. School shoes should be worn unless these no longer fit, in which case trainers are acceptable on this occasion.

Year 11 &13 - Ofqual has updated their [school , student and parent handbook this week](#). It is proposed that students who were entered for exams in the summer 2020 will be able to sit A Levels in October and receive results in December and GCSE in November receiving results in February.

Year 11 Virtual Induction takes place on Tuesday 23 June 2020. All applicants have received information regarding this.

Year 11 Internal Assessments commence Monday 29 June 2020. Students have received their timetables.

Kind regards

Sally Ambrose
Head of School