



# Tring School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We did it!! Working in partnership with parents and school staff, we have ensured that students have transitioned back into school successfully and safely.

It has been an absolute pleasure to have students and staff safely return to school this week. The site feels busy and noisy, just as it should be. I would like to thank you as parents for supporting our return to school. Students have returned looking exceptionally smart in their school uniform and Tring School PE kit. They have impressed us all with their mature and responsible conduct in and around the school as they endeavour to meet all of our expectations. Classrooms have been lively, fully interactive and fun!

I must express my sincere gratitude to our team of staff who have administered over 2800 lateral flow tests safely and calmly this week recording two positives and one inconclusive test. One of the positive tests has now been further confirmed by a positive PCR test and therefore, I will concede my scepticism as the system DOES work and is having the desired effect and will have prevented two lines of transmission which we otherwise may not have been aware of, making all of the planning worth it!! Naturally, our hope is that the two positive cases only experience mild symptoms.

Next week students will receive their third and final lateral flow test in school before this process moves to your home. All students will be issued with a set of home tests to bring home. You will receive a separate letter regarding this.

If you are one of the few families still to login to Operoo, please could you do this? If you haven't received an email instructing you to do this, please click on this link:

<https://support.operoo.com/portal/en/kb/articles/how-does-a-user-mark-an-email-as-not-junk-spam-webmail>

We have received guidance regarding how Year 13 and 11 exam grades are to be calculated and I have shared our response directly with students and parents in

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these year groups. I am also aware that Ofqual is discussing the modification which may be required for current Year 10 and 12 students, which I will share as soon as we receive it.

With these changes in mind, it has, therefore, been inevitable that we have had to further adjust our school calendars, including the assessment schedules for other year groups and we will write with further details over the next few weeks. This will include a prioritisation of work for Year 13 and 11 which may prevent us from delivering some of our planned commitments. This is not a situation that we have planned to be in but I hope that you will support our reprioritisation. Details of the changes will be shared in full next week.

Parents of students in Years 8,11 and 13 have received letters regarding the changes for them. In summary;

### **Year 11 Individual Consultation Appointments Thursday 18 March**

We would like to offer all students and parents a 15-minute Consultation appointment with a senior member of staff, to discuss their level of achievement in each subject. We will discuss the evidence that we currently have to contribute towards your child's final grade in each subject. On this day, lessons for Year 11 students will finish at the end of Period 4 to allow for the Consultation appointments. Any Year 11 student waiting for a school bus can work in the LRC.

Appointments can be made from **Friday 12 March at 5.00 pm** and will close on **Tuesday 16 March at 11.55 pm**. Should you wish to make any changes after this date, please email Mrs Venita Parker at [vparker@tringschool.org](mailto:vparker@tringschool.org).

This will replace the planned Year 11 into 12 Sixth Form appointments which were originally scheduled for 18 March. There will be an opportunity for students to discuss subject-specific inquiries during the Sixth Form induction day in the summer term, and upon receiving results in the summer.

### **Year 13 Individual Consultation Appointments Tuesday 23 March**

We would like to offer all students and parents a 15-minute Consultation appointment with a senior member of staff, to discuss their level of achievement in each subject. We will discuss the evidence that we currently have to contribute towards your child's final grade in each subject. On this day, lessons for Year 13 students will finish lessons at the end of Period 4 to allow for the Consultation appointments. Any Year 13 student waiting for a school bus can work in the LRC.

Appointments can be made from **Wednesday 17 March at 5.00 pm** and will close on **Monday 22 March at 12.00 pm**. Should you wish to make any changes after this date, please email the Sixth Form team at [sixthform@tringschool.org](mailto:sixthform@tringschool.org).

We look forward to working with the students over the next two weeks and hope that the transmission rate will continue to decline and that we can start to see a little more easing of the restrictions for the Easter holiday.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Sally Ambrose  
Head of School