



Tring School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Head of School Update

As we come to the end of the half term, I had really hoped to have been in a much stronger position to discuss our plans for welcoming our students back into school, sadly this is not yet the case.

Having just been outside and applauded our fabulous NHS workers, I thought about my staff at Tring School, our students and the wonderful parent body that we have. Together, we continue to be strong as we all support our young people in their learning, both academic and skills as well as developing their emotional well being. I continue to be so proud of the students and staff as I see the hard work and determination that they apply to get through this difficult time. I think now more than ever this academic year our staff and students fully deserve a half term break, before we complete the next seven weeks in very similar circumstances.

The Government has shared an expectation that all eligible students will return to school on Monday 1 June. Parents of eligible students have received a letter this week encouraging students back into school. They also share an ambition that students in Years 10 and 12 will receive more face to face contact over the next few weeks. We are still awaiting further guidance which was promised to schools on Monday 18 May, as to what this may look like.

In the meantime, our site team will be very busy over the half term break adjusting our school environment to ensure we comply with the HCC COVID 19 Health and Safety Risk Assessment to ensure that any return is safe for students and staff and will reduce any risk of further contagion. All teaching blocks will operate a one way system with 2 meter markers laid out on the floor; all classrooms will have furniture removed and only accommodate a maximum of 15 students at any time; all classrooms will have a box of cleaning products available for students and staff to clean their own work space before and after use; increased accessibility of hand sanitizer and washing facilities will be available; toilet cubicles and wash areas will be separated to ensure good social distancing and break and lunchtimes will be staggered, alleviating congestion in the canteen area. A full list of adjustments will be shared as and when we open to more students.

We are exploring a 'needs led' phased return for some students in Years 10 and 12 which could potentially start week commencing 15 June. This will be differentiated depending on the needs of the student and the subject.

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Thank you to all of the parents and students who completed our Feedback Survey, this is invaluable as we continue to plan our provision moving forwards. We appreciate that some students may be becoming tired with the online learning and we normally do see a dip in motivation as the academic term progresses and fatigue starts to set in. Where there is a common theme in the feedback, we will endeavour to meet the need.

Year 11 Internal Assessments will take place in school week commencing 29 June. Details have been shared with all students who applied to complete an assessment.

Year 10 Assessments - as you will recall, Year 10 were due to sit their end of year assessment the week that schools closed. The intention is that Year 10 will complete these assessments during this next half term. They should begin to refamiliarise themselves with the revision completed and will be assessed on all topic areas completed prior to lockdown. Dates for these assessments will be shared after ½ term when we have confirmed the arrangements. Students in Maths and PE have already completed these assessments during lockdown and will not feature in this round of assessments.

Year 7 - 10 and 12 All students will have a weekly hangout with their form tutors during morning registration and a House Assembly and a Collective Worship each week following the half term break. Details on how to access these can be found on the Google Classroom.

The CofE service this Sunday features the Duke of Cambridge and focuses on mental health - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLeck8GovYoaYzlgYOEIKZg>

I say this each week, but I am hopeful that following a decision on 28 May as to whether it is yet safe to proceed with opening schools again on 1 June, that after half term I will be able to share greater clarity for our return to school.

Until then, please enjoy a restful break from school!

Kind regards

Sally Ambrose
Head of School