



# Tring School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Head of School Update - Friday 3 April 2020

We have come to the end of Phase 1, where learning has successfully been completed at home. I would like to thank all students for engaging responsibly in their learning, to parents for encouraging your children without interfering in their learning and to all of our amazing teachers who have enabled fantastic learning to happen. I was delighted to receive an email from Rachel Macfarlane, Director of Education Services for Hertfordshire, praising the seamless transition to home learning achieved by Tring School and for the fantastic learning that is happening for our students.

We now enter Phase 2, where students and families move to less structured days and can take time to rest, relax and recover before moving on to Phase 3. For me personally, this next phase presents me with the most fear; what am I going to do to motivate my own two teenagers whilst restricted to being at home? We have set ourselves a goal of learning one new skill and completing one job each day, whilst taking it in turns to prepare the evening meal to ensure we retain a sense of purpose each day.

I include a piece of research highlighting 5 things that can be done to improve well being and boost for teenagers and adults [5 ways to well being](#).

**Phase 3** begins again on Monday 20 April where we can sensibly assume that home learning will continue with the same expectations as Phase 1. I would, however, like to collect feedback from parents and students on your views of this new way of learning and seek ways to improve the whole student experience. Please can I ask you and your children to complete the attached feedback forms by Friday 10 April 5.00pm.

[Phase One Parent Feedback](#)

[Phase One Student Feedback](#)

**Year 9 and Year 12** - Due to the uncertainty of the timescales of Phase 3, we have taken the regrettable decision to cancel Year 9 Work Shadowing and Year 12 Work Experience. Once we are back in school, we will look at these initiatives again. We believe that once the country is back up and running, businesses will want to focus on their core purpose rather than looking after a teenager on work experience.

**Year 10 and Year 12** - We are exploring ways in which students can complete end of year assessments at home. We will be in touch with further information after the break.

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**Year 11 and Year 13** - At the time of writing this update, it is with regret that I cannot share further information regarding how students' level of achievement will be recognised in their formal results. Once we have received the government guidance we will make our plans and then I will be in touch to share them with you. I continue to urge students to remain engaged in the learning material for the subjects they wish to continue with in further study. UniFrog has many online learning resources for students to engage with. In the summer term we hope to share summer reading and learning tasks for students wishing to complete A Levels at Tring School . In addition, Mrs Hay has sent students an [email](#) with suggestions as to how they can continue to improve their profile over the next few weeks.

**Free School Meals** - All families entitled to Free School Meals have received a letter this week from Mrs Williams regarding the voucher system set up by the government for you to use. These will replace the Tesco spend cards that we delivered to you last week. If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Williams at [lwilliams@tringschool.org](mailto:lwilliams@tringschool.org)

**Trips and Visits** - we are still working very closely with the providers of all cancelled activities to explore the logistics of any refunds. [Trips and Visits Update 03/04/2020](#)

The school remains open over the Easter break to support the families with children whose parents are key workers. If you feel that you are eligible for the provision, please contact Mrs Kay at [skay@tringschool.org](mailto:skay@tringschool.org)

**Chair of Governors** - please click [here](#) for a letter from Anthony Kent, Chair of Governors.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a restful break over the next two weeks. I will resume whole school communication again on Wednesday 15 April with a Head of School Update.

Kind regards

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Head of School