



Tring School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure you have all heard the latest update from the Government regarding COVID-19 and the plans to close schools with effect from Monday 23 March until further notice for all students and the postponement of GCSE, BTEC and A Level exams in May and June.

We have received the news at the same time as you and we are very carefully working through this information as pragmatically as possible, endeavouring to meet the needs of all. We are devastated and in total shock by the announcement that exams will not take place in May and June without any further plans or information. However, the word 'cancellation' was not used and therefore, it is a possibility that students may be asked to sit the exams later in the year.

To help manage the students through this unpredictable few months we will take the following actions.

Thursday 19 March 2020

- **Years 11 and 13** are required to attend an assembly at 8.40 am to explain the implications of the announcement on them and their future as we understand it. They will then be free to leave school if they wish. There will be supervised areas of support available for them throughout the day if they wish to ask questions or seek support. There will be **no further formal lessons** for Years 11 and 13 until we have an outline of the arrangements for examinations or processes are put in place to recognise their achievements.
- **Years 10 and 12** are to attend timetabled lessons. They will attend an assembly at 3.00 pm to reaffirm the need to engage and communicate with them that they are expected to be working from home. Work will be set and monitored on Google classroom and teachers will be available on line during timetabled hours.
- **Years 8 and 9** will work from home. Work has been set and monitored on Google classroom and teachers will be available on line during timetabled hours.
- **Year 7** will attend timetabled lessons in school.

Friday 20 March 2020

- **Years 11 and 13 no formal lessons.**

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- **Years 10 and 12** will work from home. Work has been set and monitored on Google classroom and teachers will be available on line during timetabled hours. Please note Year 10 exams will be rescheduled for later in the year.
- **Years 7, 8 and 9 are all to attend school and normal timetabled lessons will take place. Please note that this supersedes the message previously shared.** Assemblies will be arranged to confirm working from home arrangements, expectations and support.

Monday 23 March 2020

School is closed for all students until further notice.

Years 7 - 10 and 12 are expected to work from home and complete work scheduled on Google Classroom. Teachers will be online to support during timetabled lessons.

School will be open for all vulnerable students and children of parents who are key workers. If you feel that your child is eligible to attend, please contact the school directly to discuss this and arrangements will be confirmed.

Families entitled to free school meals will be contacted directly with the details of how we will continue to support you at this difficult time.

As a minimum, I will continue to send out a weekly update for you to read to keep you informed of the plans that we have. If any crucial information is released in between the updates, please rest assured that I will share it with you in good time. Individually you will all have lots of questions which will be important to you and your children. Please can I ask you to email with your relevant enquiry to the most appropriate person and then allow time for them to respond. The response will not be immediate and may take up to 48 hours.

I am sorry to be sharing such challenging and upsetting news without any further detail or action plan as to how we will recover this situation. Please rest assured that all staff at Tring School will continue to work very hard to support home learning and implement an action plan to support the impact of the pandemic.

Thank you all **again** for your continued support and patience during this unprecedented time. Please take good care of family members and heed the advice that is being shared.

Yours faithfully

Sally Ambrose