



Tring School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to all students and families, we hope you have all had a nice break. It has been lovely to see the students return to school, smartly dressed and full of smiles, energy and fun. I would like to extend my welcome to new students and families and I am hopeful that your children have had an enjoyable first week with us. There is always so much information to absorb during these first few days and by lunchtime today Year 7 were looking forward to a rest over the weekend!

It has been a refreshing start to the year as we begin to reintroduce a normal school routine and practice and we look forward to a much more normal school year. We are all relieved to see that the restrictions have started to ease; however, we must be mindful that the virus hasn't disappeared and therefore, it is vital that we all continue to play our part in virus control. Students are requested to continue to **complete a lateral flow test on a Sunday and Wednesday evening and report their results on Operoo**. If your child feels unwell and starts to display symptoms, please keep them at home, book a PCR test and report the absence using our attendance emails - attendance@tringschool.org

Summer School - Over the summer it was a privilege to work with students from Year 7 and 8 in our successful summer school. Students were able to explore our secondary school setting and use specialist facilities during quieter times, as well as benefiting from meeting peers, team building and activities that will have supported their numeracy and literacy. Thanks must go to Mrs Jones and her team who provided an excellent week for all of the students involved.

Exam results - Our Year 11 and 13 students celebrated outstanding examination results this year which has enabled them all to successfully progress onto their chosen destination. We are so proud of the hard work and resilience that they have demonstrated over the last two years as they navigated themselves through a very different educational programme. The skills and adaptability that they rehearsed along the way will stay with them forever. Well done to Year 11 and 13 students, I couldn't be more proud of them all.

New staff - At the start of an academic year we always welcome new staff. It gives me great pleasure to welcome:

Mrs Elliott - D&T

Mrs Bradshaw - Geography

Miss Farnfield - Geography

Miss Perry - Subject Lead for PRS

Miss Williams - PE

Mr Shand - Cover

Miss McIntosh - Teaching Assistant

Mrs Cornwell - Project Management Assistant

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In addition, we welcome a new Catering manager who is excited to introduce a wider range of healthy food for the students to enjoy during break and lunchtime. The students have been used to a larger selection of grab and go style food due to the restrictions placed upon us by COVID, however, we are now reintroducing the main meal of the day and a greater selection of healthier options. We have new students who are adjusting to a wide range of choices and new systems, which has caused a few of our older students some frustration. Please be reassured there is plenty of food available for everyone each day, but maybe not burgers every day! By and large, the response has been positive from the students and feedback received has been acted upon. The main meal menu will be published weekly on our school website.

We continue to review our decisions regarding senior students going off-site at lunchtime and as such, Year 11 will need to remain on-site for the duration of the school day. Since adjusting our times of the school day, there isn't time for all senior students to get to Tesco or other retailers, and back in 30 minutes. Students in Year 12 and 13 will not be able to leave the site at break time but they are able to leave the site at lunchtime in accordance with our policy for Sixth Form students.

Refurbishment - We are really pleased to have invested £350,000 in a complete refurbishment of the Beloe and Desborough blocks which will remain as part of our school once we move into the new building. All classrooms, corridors and office spaces are now the same specification as the new build. Our classrooms have amazing new interactive whiteboards which will enhance our teaching and learning even further.

New building - Our fantastic new school is looking brilliant on both the outside and especially the inside. To turn our new building and the facilities from a great to an amazing experience for all our students, we have launched a crowd-funding page. You can access it from here: [BigSchoolFitOut](#)

Thank you to those parents/carers who have already donated. Your contributions will make a huge difference to the equipment and facilities for all at Tring School.

We remain on course to move into the new building in January 2022 and I will be writing at the end of the month with further detail to minor adjustments to the end and start of term arrangements for students as we make the big move.

As always, if you do have any questions regarding the work that we are doing at school, please do contact us directly, tringschool@tringschool.org, to make an informed judgement rather than relying on Social Media platforms.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and adaptability and I look forward to a positive and fun school year.

Kind regards

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