



Tring School

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Dear Parents/Carers and Year 11 Students,

Following the government's announcement on how students will be assessed this summer for their GCSEs, we have been working behind the scenes to put our plans together for entry into our Sixth Form.

You will all be aware of our [entrance criteria](#) for each of the subjects. We use the entrance criteria to ensure that students will be able to access the increased demands of courses at Level 3 (A Level and equivalent) and be successful at the end of the two year programme.

Without the formal exams, there may be a few students who are fearful that their current level of achievement is not recognised at the correct level, preventing you from accessing your Level 3 courses at Tring School.

To ensure that all internal applicants feel that they have had an opportunity to demonstrate their level of achievement, there will be three ways students can gain access onto indicated courses. You will only need to achieve success in one of the above methods to gain entry onto your chosen course.

1. **Mock result** for your chosen subject or the combination of mock results required. For the mock result in your core subjects you can use your 'best' mock because you have completed 2 formal mocks before the lockdown occurred.
2. The **Centrally Awarded Grade** which is generated by the exam boards. The CAG will be the grade that is put forward to the DfE, moderated by the DfE and then awarded to you on GCSE results day (Thursday 20 August).
3. **Internal assessment.** The internal assessment is not compulsory, it is another way for you to demonstrate success in the subject that you wish to study at post 16; you will wish to think carefully about whether your CAG is likely to be in line with the grade you require to enter your chosen course. This assessment can give Tring School students additional security prior to the

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summer holidays. The internal assessments will take place preferably before the end of the summer term(wk commencing 29 June, assuming the lockdown is lifted by this point in time) in the subject(s) that need improving. If you are interested in this option, we have attached a google form - [here](#), for you to indicate that you wish to sit an internal assessment. Further information on the number of internal assessments, dates, revision needed will be shared soon; please can we ask that you do not contact individual subject teachers at this time regarding these assessments. Please refer to [this document](#) for details of which assessments are available to students for specific courses.

If you are not successful with the three methods and feel you wish to appeal the process, a Governor approved procedure will be in place which will be followed. We would encourage you to take on board the professional judgement from Tring School about whether you will be suited to a particular course. We wish to set students up for success and the level of challenge of A Levels and BTECs at Level 3, which should not be underestimated.

You will want to use your time wisely in preparing to study your A Levels/BTEC courses and we will be coordinating the pre-reading and other online methods for you. Once this has been gathered, we will share this information with you. To get you started, you will receive an email from the Sixth Form email address about the PiXL study options which you will find useful. These are some useful wider reading and subject enhancement learning topics which you can work through independently.

The priority for your teaching staff currently is reviewing all of your work and marks so far in the course to ensure that they are able to submit the highest grade possible for you. Once they have completed this, they will begin to gather your pre A Level/BTEC reading and work.

As you progress into the Sixth Form, there is a significant requirement for you to be independent and manage your study and wider reading accordingly. We are therefore confident that the coming months, and the resources we provide, will enable you to adopt these successful working behaviours. Any summer work that is set is required in order for you to start successfully on a course, so please ensure it is completed to the highest of your ability.

GCSE results day will take place on Thursday 20 August, and your results will be available for collection from 8.30. Appointments with the Sixth Form team will be available from 9am to discuss any issues you may have with the courses you have opted for. We will also be available from 10-1 on Friday 21 August. Term will commence for you on Friday 4 September, where you will have an interview with the Sixth Form team and a whole year assembly and lessons will begin on Monday 7 September.

Depending on the reopening of schools, we will also hold an induction welcome day on Tuesday 23 June. We are sure you will appreciate that we are unable to provide further details on this at the moment, until we know when we will be returning to school.

As always, should you need any pastoral support, we encourage you to contact your Head of House and form tutor who know you best and are able to support you. As you move into the Sixth Form, your pastoral care will move to within the Sixth Form team, and we will ensure that a smooth handover takes place so that we are as informed as possible in supporting you as you develop into young adults. You will also stay within your tutor group and your tutor will continue to support you.

On Monday 4 May we will be offering Year 11 students and parents the opportunity to join the Sixth Form team for a hangout between 14:00 and 15.20. This will be an opportunity to ask any questions about this process. We will be unable to give information about CAG, but will be able to reiterate the process and offer support to students. If either parents, students or both wish to be part of a hangout, please email sixthform@tringschool.org and you will be sent a calendar invitation.

This is a challenging time for many of you and you should be commended in the way in which you have handled yourselves thus far. We hope you will take advantage of all of the opportunities for remote learning available to you over the coming months and we look forward to welcoming you to join our Sixth Form in September 2020.

Yours faithfully

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