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Dear Parent(s), Guardian(s), Carer(s),

Year 13 News Update Monday 11 January

We hope this email finds you all well at this very challenging time for us all.

This is a further up-date, revised from Jan 5, to reflect the most recent announcements last week.

Vital up-dates – please keep checking the Tallis post-16 website

We are writing again to confirm some key elements of our current plan, based on the incomplete information we currently have. Please check tallispost16.com regularly as we are updating information for you there first of all as further governmental decisions come in.

January BTEC exams

The DfE's current position is that these can go ahead for Year 13 students where the school decides it is best for students that they go ahead. We have discussed this in great detail with each BTEC subject lead where there are January exams and weighed the matter very carefully. We have decided that BTEC exams in Sport and Health and Social Care will go ahead this week. We written directly to the parents of students affected. The exams will take place in a COVID-safe exam environment with very widely spaced desks and all the usual precautions. We wish any BTEC students sitting exams this week the very best of luck!

Mocks Week Beginning Monday 11 January

The Year 13 mocks will go ahead on-line.

The *link to the timetable* is

here https://www.tallispost16.com/uploads/8/8/3/7/8837108/copy_of_03.2_ks5_mock_exam_s_v5.pdf

[6TH FORM MOCK EXAMINATIONS - JANUARY 2021 SUBJECT GROUP\(S\) TYPE LENGTH START FINISH MONDAY 11 JANUARY](#)

SUBJECT GROUP(S)	TYPE	LENGTH	START	FINISH	Extra Time	6TH FORM MOCK EXAMINATIONS - JANUARY 2021
Chemistry	Year 12 Mock Examination	1h 30m	09:00	10:30	10:53	
English Language	Year 12 Mock Examination	2h 30m	09:00	11:30	12:08	12:50

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The mock papers will be administered via the Assignment function on Teams and submitted in the agreed timeframe. Teachers are aware of students that receive extra time and this will

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be granted as per a normal in-person exam. We have also up-dated teachers where we are aware of students that have limited IT access to take this into account. Full instructions on how to use the Assignment function to submit work has been re-shared with all students today. Rochelle Allen, our SEN Sixth Form co-ordinator is working closely with our SEN students. If you have any further queries do e-mail myself Fiona Lumsden Pastoral Leader of Year 13 and Rochelle Allen on rallen@thomastallis.org.uk if there is any further support that we can give at this time.

Work must in general be submitted through Teams Assignments, either by submitting a Word/Office 365 document with inputted text, or by submitting a Word/Office 365 document with inserted pictures of their work. Teaching staff will give feedback on your child's exam scripts using the Assignments Feedback function.

Please reassure your child that this is only one aspect of a range of assessments/assignments/learning that will inform their overall teacher assessed grades and we will up-date everyone once we have been informed more from the DfE about this process.

For any students that do not have mocks this week on-line lessons will continue as normal.

Limited IT Access

If your child is unable to access Teams on-line lessons from home please contact Ms Fiona Lumsden and Mr Bradshaw as a matter of urgency to make an on-site arrangement, also if needed during mock week. We have begun to assign lap-tops to those most in need and we do hope this begins to help all students with their learning and engagement. However, the school has now distributed all the laptops we have been assigned by the Government, and there is a national shortage of them. It may be some time before Mr Johnson and Mr Williamson are able to solve this problem.

On-Line Lessons on Teams and Attendance

Once the mocks have concluded next week students will follow their normal timetable (which can be accessed via the Teams calendar) and must attend all classes remotely. Should your child be unable to access their MS 365 Account or Teams or experience any other technical issues they must contact the IT help desk on helpdesk@thomastallis.org.uk as soon as possible. We are required, for both learning and safeguarding purposes, to keep accurate registers. If your child is ill and is unable to log on please notify Mr Bell in the usual way. His email is abell@thomastallis.org.uk

Please do the same if your child is unable to sit their on-line mock so that the subject teacher can re-arrange this.

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On-going Progression support

UCAS We are writing to all students who are still in the process of completing their UCAS application. This deadline has been extended until 29 January, as spoken about at our assembly last week. If you have any queries or questions please e-mail a member of the UCAS team.

World of work students Any students wishing to apply for an apprenticeship or other work opportunities will be contacted by the career's office Maria Elia this term to set up one to one support interviews.

Performing Art Applicants These are being supported via Martin McCarrick - please do e-mail him on mmcarrick@thomastallis.org.uk if you have any further queries regarding a PA application.

Art College These students were all e-mailed last week with directed advice regarding their art college applications and they continued to be supported by Sam Kiff. Please e-mail on skiff@thomastallis.org.uk if you have any further queries or advice needed.

Pastoral support

Pastoral and wider support for well-being for our students will also continue to be delivered remotely, with tutor and counselling provision all continuing online. We are offering all students at least two pastoral contacts with their tutor a week, and more as required.

Firstly, all Year 13 students will be assigned an on-line Teams sessions to attend with their tutor in an am or pm slot to check in and they can of course e-mail their tutor or a member of the Year 13 Team if they need further support. This session with their tutor is vital and they must attend this weekly assigned pastoral session.

Secondly, We also ask that every student must reply to the weekly Monday tutor e-mail so that we know how they are doing and if they need any further support. Please discuss the importance of this pastoral support with your child to underline how important this reply is, even if it is brief.

From the 18 January there will be also be a weekly Thursday assembly at 3.15pm and tutors will meet with their tutor groups online in the normal Tutorial Wednesday week A tutorial slot at 2.00pm.

Finally, we realise that the return to remote learning for an extended period will present understandable challenges, stresses and strains for families at this already difficult time. Tallis remains here to support all of our sixth form community throughout this period and beyond. We remain confident that together as before, we can continue to navigate our way through these unprecedented times.

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All students must continue to remain focused on their learning as best they can. In light of the most recent announcement last week regarding cancellation of exams this year it is vital that all 13 students continue with their studies as before and engage with their remote provision and preparations. We ask again that parents/carers take a moment to discuss this most recent announcement with their child.

We are waiting to hear from the DfE about how grades are to be determined this year. We are also waiting to hear from the DfE regarding how to proceed with the teaching of the remainder of the curriculum. Once we have more information from government we will of course contact you again.

For the time being we plan to hold the Year 13 parents' evening on 3 Feb on-line. We will shortly write to you again about this.

Thank you for your on-going support and a huge well done to all our young people.

Our very best wishes
The Year 13 Team