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Dear Year 12

Please share the information in this letter with your wonderful parents and carers!

Well done for your focus and commitment during the school closure. I have been amazed at the on-going vibrancy of your year group. The new Tallis newsletter speaks to that. Thank you for all your contributions and we look forward to more next academic year. Please check your school e-mail for the July issue. This and previous newsletters are also posted to tallispost16.com/enewsletter.html.

Thank you to those of you that have given Tallis lectures, gone to the KS5 book group and discussed key issues at student voice. Please come to these in September if you want to get involved.

The New Academic Term

The year starts on *Monday 7 September at 8.40 a.m.* in your tutor room. See below for tutor rooms; they will be on the website also. Go directly to this room on the first day back for your welcome to Year 13. On *Tuesday 8 September be in school for 11.15 a.m.* to go straight into your first P3 lesson, as per your new timetable. Exciting! The Year 13 Team are here to help so if you do have a query this week please e-mail us and we will do everything we can to help and support you.

Members of the Year 13 Team

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Progression Planning

You should now have written a rough draft (due 10 July) of your personal statement as a tool to enable you to think through your options. Please upload it [here](#) so that your tutor can see it. We will be supporting you with this process during the tutorial hour. For advice on the differing pathways please refer to our new progression booklet posted home and there is a digital copy on the website.

Assemblies and tutorials – one in person every week plus Tutorial, one on Teams.

The present circumstances mean we must reduce face-to-face contact where we can.

- We would like you to attend one Registration in person every week, and one on Teams. Thursday p.m. registration is the compulsory in-person Registration slot.
- You must also attend the Tutorial in person. This is every Wednesday Week A.
- You must also attend one other tutor slot conducted via Teams every week. You will sign up to this on Monday 7 September.

Year 13 Tutors and Rooms

A reminder of the tutor team and the assigned tutor rooms for next year are below. Your tutor will already be known to you. They are a hugely experienced team and they are very excited about working with you throughout Year 13.

13FA Ms King **0201**
13FB Mr McCarrick and Mr Kiff S **0609**
13HA Mr Wilks **1110**

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13HB Ms Lister and Ms Crook **2542**
13HC Ms Ferris **0209**
13KA Mr Springall and Ms Astill **0602**
13KB Ms Akehurst **1521**
13KC Ms Barrett and Ms Phull with Mr Butt **2229**
13OA Ms Vyas and Ms Blakelock R **2132**
13OB Mr Man and Ms Harding J **2345**
13RA Ms Taylor and Ms Spencer C **2343**
13RB Ms Rider and Ms Noakes D **2545**

Attendance and Punctuality

Your attendance and punctuality will be calculated for the most part from your lesson attendance next year. If you are going to be absent, please arrange for Mr Bell to be contacted before 9am on each day of absence: abell@thomastallis.org.uk or 020 8331 3038. A GP's note will be required if the length of absence exceeds 2 days. As always, we will notify your parents by text and email if you have any unexplained absence and a reason will be required for this absence.

Bursaries - students must reapply every year

We have 2 bursary schemes to support Post 16 students who need additional financial support. *You must reapply every year.* To be eligible for a Discretionary Bursary, you need to show that you are eligible for Free School Meals, which you can apply for on-line via the Royal Borough of Greenwich website. We also give a Tallis Book Bursary to students from households with an income of less than £18,000. Please apply if you think you qualify. Mr Bell has the forms.

Parental Meeting: Progression

We are hoping to hold a progression evening on Wednesday 16 September. We aim to run sessions on applying to university, art college, and apprenticeships. Please pencil this evening in and we will confirm at the start of term.

Reading and research

Please make good use of the advice given in our progression booklet which you should have received in the post. See also <https://www.tallispost16.com/progression-booklet-2020.html> Please also refer to the wider reading and research lists at <https://www.tallispost16.com/reading--research-lists.html> If you are shielding and unable to come to collect reading material please e-mail Ms. Lumsden or your tutor and we will arrange where possible for books to be posted home.

Provisional Dates for Your Diary 2020-21

Please note these and share with your parents. They may change.

- Re-drafted personal statements: We asked all of you to submit a personal statement about yourself by July 10. See link above. This is the best way we know of to finalise progression plans. You will refine this statement as soon as you return and it will be due on September 16.
- Our Progression Information Evening for parents takes place on Wednesday 16 September at 6.00 p.m.
- Be aware some music and arts course applications have a very early deadline of 1 October 2020.
- Early Intervention Evening (By invite): Wednesday 7 October. We customarily invite the parents of students we are very concerned about.

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- October Assessments on the Year 12 content only – these begin the week of 19 October.
- Early applicants: As always the deadline for Oxbridge and Medical School applicants is the 15 October 2020. We must know if you are such an applicant by Tuesday 8 September as we are unable to properly support such applications after this date.
- School UCAS Deadline. The deadline we have set as a school for the completion of UCAS applications is 16 December 2020. We cannot guarantee that applications submitted after this date will be submitted by the school before UCAS's own deadline.
- Most deadlines for Art College applications fall just after Christmas. However, as such applications are portfolio-based, students making them must be well underway with portfolio development by now.
- Parent's evening: Wednesday 3 February.
- January Mocks: begin in the week of 11 January.
- Easter Assessments: begin in the week of 19 April

Summer work: vitally important

Please make sure you have liaised with your teachers and that you are clear about the summer work to focus on, the wider reading and the consolidation of what you have covered over the last seventeen weeks.

- All folders of notes, workbooks, sketch books and on-line folders of work must be in good order so that you can show them to your subject teachers on your return. Materials should be clear, sequenced and checked off against the syllabi with which you have been provided. Make sure they are complete. Fill in the blanks as you need.
- Revision is best undertaken systematically as you go. It cannot be left until the last minute. Brush up on stuff you know you're not secure with. Make sure you have made revision materials for every part of the Year 12 syllabus.
- Reading ahead can't be left until the last minute either. Little and often all summer please - the old grey matter does need a rest, but it needs to be kept ticking along as well.
- October Mock Exams focus just on the Year 12 syllabi. We set these so that you are gently pressured to revise these syllabi during the summer. Summer revision means you have much less revision to complete later in Year 13, and will be more familiar/rehearsed with the material. This in turn means serious revision in Year 13 can be done much more quickly, and you will feel much less exam pressure too.
- Remember: exam success is a marathon not a sprint. Steady work and consolidation over the summer will make your Year 13 much calmer and more successful. Please make sure you get into a healthy sleep routine prior to the start of term as this will help with this early lessons!

We look forward to meeting you all in September. Take care and stay safe!

Best wishes,

The Year 13 Team