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Dear Year 13

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

Well done for your focus and commitment during the school closures. We have been amazed at the on-going vibrancy of your year group. The Tallis newsletter speaks to that. Thank you for all your contributions and we look forward to more next academic year. 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 in the wider life of the sixth form. New representatives and new postholders will be elected for SV in October. Watch out for more information via your tutor.

The New Academic Term

We expect to continue with mask-wearing on site when in transit between lessons. Students must be tested for COVID before normal lessons can resume and the school is writing to you under separate cover about this.

We begin with Week A.

- **Monday 6 September: all Year 13 students will have their first COVID-test, starting from 11 a.m. and going in alphabetical order by surname as below:**
 - 11.00 a.m. A-D
 - 11.45 a.m. E-H
 - 12.30 a.m. I-L
 - 1.15 p.m. M-P
 - 2.00 p.m. Q-T
 - 2.45 p.m. U-Z
- **Once you have been tested you will go home.**
- **Tuesday 7 September: term formally begins with a two-hour injected tutorial and assembly. Please be at your new tutor room at 8.30 a.m. sharp - see below for where these tutor rooms are.**
- **Wed 8 September: Year 13 will start at 11:00, to facilitate the testing of other year groups.**
- **Thursday 9: all Year 13 students will have their second COVID test but only return home if there is a positive result.**

New timetables will only be available on BROMCOM from Monday 6 September to allow for any further timetable changes.

See below for tutor rooms from September. Exciting! The Year 13 Team are here to help so if you do have a query this week, please e-mail us or come to the Year 13 office and we will do everything we can to help and support you.

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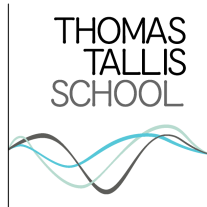
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Progression Planning and On-Going Support

You should now have written a rough draft (due to your tutor 15 July) of your personal statement as a tool to enable you to start to think through your options. For advice on the differing pathways please refer to your Progression booklet - there is a digital copy on the website if you need it. It was great to meet so many of you and to see people exploring their next steps both in-person and on-line.

In September there will be on-going support for all pathways *via the tutorial programme Wed Week A at 9-10am*. There will also be *bespoke after school sessions* for each pathways, with the relevant team. We will notify everyone in the first injected tutorial, once the days of these after school sessions are finalised.

Registration, Assemblies and Tutorial

- The number of assigned am/pm registration is up to your tutor - if we're worried about your progress, you'll be in more and we'll insist that you get more work done in school! Initially all students will attend a minimum of 5 am/pm registrations with their tutor in person over the course of a week.
- You must also attend the Tutorial in person. This is every Wednesday Week A, period 1. So, every student must also attend *a.m. Registration Wednesday A*.
- You must also attend Registration every Tuesday after school. *Registration every Tuesday p.m. as this is our assembly slot in the main hall.*

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	Ms Harrison and Mr Butt 1116
13HB	Ms Lowe and Mr Bisard-Collins 1214
13HC	Ms Blakelock and Ms Bartoli 1110
13KA	Mr Springall and Mr Leslie 0602
13KB	Ms Evans and Ms Collins 0312
13KC	Ms Ferris 0209
13OA	Mr Wardell and Ms McGrath 1215
13OB	Ms Sdrolia 1118
13RA	Ms Taylor and Ms Moore 2343
13RB	Mr Cayless 2348
13FC	Ms Harding and Mr Mann 2341

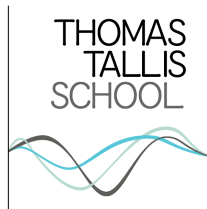
Attendance and Punctuality

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. As always, we can't authorise holidays in term time, and if you have to learn to drive and such like you may not book driving lessons etc when you are required to be in school.

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

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households with an income of less than £18,000. Please apply if you think you qualify. Tutors have copies of these and so do all sixth form offices.

Parental/Carers Meeting: Progression

We are hoping to hold a progression evening on Wednesday 15 September from 18.00 to 19.00. We aim to run sessions on applying to university, art college, performing arts application, and apprenticeships. Please pencil this evening in and we will confirm at the start of term as this may need to be virtual. More details to follow nearer the time.

Reading and research

Please make good use of the advice given in our progression booklet which you should have a hard copy of. If you do not have this please see or e-mail your tutor. 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>

Provisional Dates for Your Diary 2021-2022

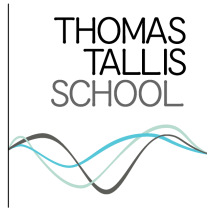
Please note these and share with your parents. They may change.

- Re-drafted personal statements: We asked all of you to submit a personal statement about yourself by July 15. 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 25.
- Our Progression Information Evening for parents takes place on Wednesday 15 September at 18.00
- Be aware some music and arts course applications have a very early deadline of 1 October 2021.
- October Assessments on the Year 12 content only – these begin the week of 4 October. *All students should revise the content of these in-class assessments over the summer.*
- Early applicants: As always the deadline for Oxbridge and Medical School applicants is the 15 October 2021. 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 11 December 2021. 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.
- Parents' evening: Wednesday 2 February.
- January Mocks: begin in the week of 3 January.
- Easter Assessments: begin in the week of 18 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 and for the in-class October assessments, 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.



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- October In-Class Assessments. 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 these early lessons!

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

Best wishes,

The Year 13 Team