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Dear Parent/Carer

Our Year 12 Teaching programme (22 June- 3 July)

Following Government guidelines, we are inviting Year 12s to partially return to school.

Over the two weeks beginning on Monday 22 June 2020 Year 12 students will be invited to attend a two-hour block of lessons per subject. This means across the fortnight students should only attend three two-hour lessons at most, one for each separate subject they study. In these important face-to-face lessons with their teachers, we hope to ensure that students are able effectively to continue with their learning at home. These sessions will include:

- The distribution of Year 13 materials.
- Evaluation and checking of how the online work has gone.
- Vital human contact prior to the holidays.
- Microsoft Teams training as needed to support online learning.
- Feedback on the June assessments where this is available.

In order to ensure numbers are kept to within government guidelines we have designed a timetable that means less than a quarter of the year group will be in at any one time. There are four teaching 'blocks' which are scheduled across Week A and Week B of our timetable, and each day of the two week cycle half the classes from a teaching block will run in one of two two-hour slots that day. Large classes will be split to ensure social distancing is possible.

One two-hour block of teaching will take place during periods 1&2, so from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and the second two-hour block of teaching will take place during periods 3&4, so from 11.20 to 13.20. Please ask your child to check the timetable below carefully to see when their particular two-hour slots are. If your child is not sure when they are expected, please check with their teachers before the 22 June. We are starting on a Week B.

We want to see all of our students and we know that there will be limited access to local buses and trains. Further, TfL have had to agree to temporarily suspend free travel for under 18s. We recommend therefore that students walk or cycle to school where possible. Cycling UK's tips on cycling safety for beginners are at <https://bit.ly/2XKK3mv>

Our expectations for lessons:

- Students must arrive on time according to the staggered timetable.
- They must arrive through the main gate and exit through the main gate and will be instructed when and how to do this to avoid crossover between groups of students.
- They must leave site and make their way home as soon as they are dismissed, and they may not re-enter the school site once they have left, for the same reason.
- Hand sanitiser will be available at entrances and exit and students will have to use it.
- Handwashing facilities will also be available and students will be accompanied and directed to use these on entrance and exit to the school.
- Following DfE guidance we do not expect to see gloves or masks.
- Students will be escorted to the classroom by members of staff where they will be allocated a seat (socially distanced from other students).
- Students should bring a pen, folders and any equipment teachers require them to have for their lessons with them. IT equipment will be cleaned before and after each session.

- We will not be providing students with food or drink, and the water fountains have been disconnected. They should therefore bring a full bottle of water with them.
- If your child is clinically *extremely vulnerable*, or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school but should continue remote learning.
- If your child is clinically *vulnerable* (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), you should follow medical advice in deciding if they should come back to school. Please refer to section 2.1 of the government guidance at <https://bit.ly/2AmKElt> for further details of these groups.
- Our standards and expectations remain the same. Any attempt to breach social distancing guidance will be a serious breach of the school's behaviour expectations.
- If there is any reason your child is unable to attend then please let the school know in advance. It goes without saying that if your child has any symptoms, or has been in contact with anyone with any symptoms, then they should not attend school, but please contact Andy Bell on abell@thomastallis.org.uk to let us know.
- *We are very much looking forward to seeing our students!*

Further small group support 3 July until 19 July

From 3 July some prioritised groups of students we know to be struggling to keep up will be invited back into school for small group support. We will contact parents and carers during the week beginning 3 July to discuss the arrangements for this.

Thank you for your support.

With our very best wishes

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