



Tomlinscote School

22nd March 2020

Dear students

I am writing to outline the expectations that we have of our students as you temporarily begin to have your learning based at home. Our belief is that learning should continue as normal, albeit in a different location. During this time, we would strongly recommend that you complete all learning as follows.

Tomlinscote students should endeavour where possible to follow these daily expectations: -

- each morning, during registration time (9am'ish), check your Tutor Group Google Classroom for any possible notices from your Form Tutors. Use this time to message your Tutors with any queries,
- follow your normal school day timetable of lessons, completing the work set during these specific times,
- complete to the very best of your ability all set class activities,
- message your teachers via Google Classroom should you need any additional help with any set learning activities,
- submit any work as requested by your teachers, and on time,
- complete any follow up DIRT (Dedicated Improvement and Reflection Time) as requested by teaching staff,
- complete additional reading – fiction and/or non-fiction – **Years 7 and 8 should do at least 30 minutes a day,**
- **Year 10 students** - you should use any additional time to continue to create revision resources based on all your GCSE learning to date. In your school planners are all the strategies that you have been taught including retrieval, Leitner flashcards/ Brainscape flashcards. You should use this time to your advantage and aim to get ahead with your revision for your Year 11 exams. We expect all students to return to school having completed this learning and be fully prepared to continue with GCSE studies in earnest. **THIS IS A PRIORITY** for you. By doing this you will save time next year because it will already be completed – have you got packs of blank flashcards or spare paper for retrieval?
- **Year 7 students** – you have your **T5 AWARD** to think about and to start to complete some of the 5 sections. What a brilliant time to demonstrate an act of kindness or start to learn something new for the first time. I sent you a copy of the document through email and one was sent to your parents/carers,
- **complete some form of daily exercise** - e.g. Joe Wicks has a series of workouts that can be carried out at home, alternatively please follow the resources that the PE Department have placed onto your Google Classroom,
- **care for your own wellbeing** by looking at “The Daily Good” posts on your Tutor Group Google Classroom,
- use this opportunity to perhaps learn a new skill.

I have asked your parents/carers to check your work every night in order to ensure that it is good quality and reflective of the period of time. Please make sure that it is presented well, with every piece of work having an underlined title and date.

The school of course does not expect students to complete any learning during the Easter holidays, although we would always recommend the wellbeing benefits of reading a good book!

We all look forward to fully welcoming you back as soon as we can. In the meantime, you are still very much part of our Tomlinscote Community, and we are still here for you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Major
Principal