



Tomlinscote School

1st May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

In addition to the information in our newsletter, I thought I would provide a few extra details in a weekly update.

I hope that the remote 'home learning' is going well in Week 4. Thank you so much for your hard work ensuring that your child's work is completed as well as possible and then uploaded to the members of staff. The majority of students are engaged first thing in the morning and doing so well. Please remind your son/daughter to check in with their form tutor every day with an emoji or a quick hello. This week, a number of staff have been trained up to use video recorded lessons that will provide a different way to explain tasks and these will be popping up on Google Classroom more regularly.

Mr Morren has produced a few videos to support you about Google Classroom. Please click on the links if you would like to know more about the following areas:

[Google classroom overview](#)

[Communication in Google Classroom](#)

[Assignments in Google Classroom](#)

Year 11

I sent out a letter this week with a range of transition opportunities. The EtonX Course is one example, which is not usually available to state schools. Students can use the access code from Monday 4th May.

I have had a couple of requests regarding giving out NEA marks to Year 11 students. Under normal circumstances, this would occur but the examinations body has recently informed schools that "where NEA has been completed, students should not be given their marks".

Year 10

The Student Leadership applications are due in today at 5pm. This is a great opportunity for students to show leadership skills and represent the student voice. We have been fortunate that the last few student teams have been superb and made a real difference to changes taking place in the school. Please encourage your son/daughter to have the confidence to have a go!

Year 10 Reports are being published soon to provide you with progress information up to 20th March 2020.

Years 7, 8 & 9 Reports were sent out last Friday – I hope you managed to access the pdf version on the Go4Schools portal?

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Year 9

The options subjects have been distributed and we have decided that from Monday 4th May, Year 9 students **do not** have to complete work for subjects that they are not taking for their GCSE. They must focus on English, Maths, Science and any subjects that they are taking for GCSE. If there is a bit of spare time, then they can produce revision flash cards and retrieval materials for Science – this GCSE course started earlier in the year. A new timetable will start after the May half term with the full range of new option subjects and new classes – at school or at home!

Year 8

Students should keep up the hard work with the home learning tasks.

Year 7

Year 7 have had time this week researching their extended project. How is it going? All students have a topic title and had time to research information about their title. They will have extra allocated time in the next few weeks to start presenting this project. If they need any help or advice, they can email their form tutor, their enrichment teacher or Ms Bennett. I have heard about some brilliant titles and topics being looked at by Year 7. The students also have the other 4 areas of the T5 Award to consider and they may need help from you to get some extra ideas.

<https://www.tomlincoteschool.com/attachments/download.asp?file=2684&type=pdf>

Your sincerely,

Mr Major
Principal