

Determined, ambitious learners

29 March 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As we reach the end of this extremely unusual term, I would like to express my pride and admiration in how brilliantly everyone in our school community has worked together in the face of the immense changes to our lives that the battle against the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic has caused.

As parents, this has been a difficult time for you coping with your own worries and keeping your children engaged with online learning whilst we were all required to stay at home during the first eight weeks of this term. I would like to thank you again for your support as it enabled your child to continue 'attending' their lessons whilst the school was closed.

Now we have returned to school please be reassured that we continue to be an outcomes focused and child centred school and that caring for your child is equally as important to us as ensuring they make excellent academic progress.

We are actively seeking to reverse the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic on our students' education as swiftly as possible. All conversations, as always, are about learning and how staff can support students to be more successful. This term we have introduced STEDI. The STEDI framework (Student Explicit Direct Instruction) is embedded in the highly effective teaching strategy of EDI (Explicit Direct Instruction) we employ at TCS and across the Community Schools Trust. We want our students to be high academic achievers and incredibly ambitious. STEDI makes it clear to all our students how they need to be engaged at every stage of their learning in order to realise their full potential. With your support, our students will compete with the very best in the country.

As part of our COVID-19 recovery plan, we are currently offering a number of additional after school sessions to support our KS4 students in preparation for their upcoming assessments. After Easter, to support students in KS3, homework clubs will also return. I have been incredibly proud of all of our students especially their attitude, focus, engagement and work ethic throughout remote learning and on their return to classroom-based learning.

I'd like to share with you some success stories that have been reported in the media over the last few months, which detail the amazing accomplishments of some of our students, in case you did not see them:

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/private-schools-chase-inner-city-drive-0fj27qfgn>

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/newham-school-stars-win-1m-of-scholarships-z6n9qxxkpm>

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/pupils-dream-factory-school-deprived-23728000>

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/newham-cumberland-school-private-scholarships-ps1million-b924772.html>

Please also find attached our [Easter newsletter](#). The newsletters have become a brilliant means for the staff and students to share all of the different activities and achievements that they have undertaken during the term and even though we have only been back in school for four weeks the number of things that have taken place and warrant celebrating is incredible.

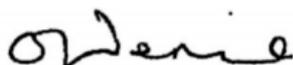
On our website, you will find detailed information about the school including our school uniform, PE kit and also what students need to bring to school every day. Information about our stance on mobile phones, jewellery, makeup and suitable footwear can also be found on the website. If you are in any doubt or have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Learning or Student Manager.

The school will close for the Easter break on **Thursday, 1 April 2021 at 12.15pm**. The front office will be staffed until 3.00pm on that day. We will return on **Monday, 19 April 2021 at the staggered times below**.

Year Group	In school by:	Entrance	Bubble area once in school:
Year 7	8:00am - 8:10am	Oban Close	Tennis Courts
Year 8	8:00am - 8:10am	Woodside Road	Field - the left side opposite courtyard
Year 9	8:10am - 8:20am	Oban Close	Field - the right side opposite sports hall
Year 10	8:20am - 8:30am	Oban Close	Outside Sports Hall
Year 11	8:10am - 8:20am	Woodside Road	Main courtyard

I wish you and your family a happy and safe Easter break.

Yours sincerely,



Omar Deria
Head of School