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Dear Parents and Carers

We are very excited for the return of our pupils on Monday. The team here at school have been working extremely hard to make sure that everything is ready and the school is safe for their return. I must take this opportunity to thank the support staff for their awesome work in testing 800 pupils and just leaving us with the year 7's to complete first thing on Monday.

## **School timetable**

Week commencing 8th March is Week B on your timetables.

## **Year 7**

I really happy to be able to say that I hope everyone is ready to come back next week! I am so very proud of the enthusiasm and energy the Year 7s have given to the online learning. So many teachers have told me that the Year 7 live lessons are the highlight of the week for them, Which is lovely 😊.

I am mindful that some of the pupils have worries about coming back and the COVID testing process. Please make sure they have watched the loom assembly this week as this explains how everything is going to work. If you do have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for all your support the last few months & please feedback to your Year 7 how great they are and how we can't wait to see them on Monday finally I want to say well done & thank you to all the pupils who have stayed in school. You have been Awesome!

Best Wishes, Miss Murchie

## **Year 8**

Hello everyone. I hope you have all had a good week. Most of our Year 8 pupils had their first lateral flow test today and they were brilliant! Many were nervous but handled it with such maturity and respect. Although on Monday we will finally have all our students back in the classroom, I would like to take the opportunity to highlight some students who have really embraced the remote learning and consistently engaged online, producing high quality work and actively supporting their peers.

The students below have been nominated by their teachers for a 'Remote Learning Superstar' award and I would like to congratulate them! Their certificates will be waiting for them in school.

## **Maths**

Mery 8CA  
Ellie 8FG  
Callum 8WM  
Ben 8DW  
Lucy 8WM

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## English

Jessica 8FG  
Jennifer 8NP  
Elliot 8WM

## Science

Will 8FG  
Romano 8CA  
Cameron 8NP  
Elaine 8FP  
Jennifer 8NP  
James 8DL

## History

Jessica 8NP  
Martha 8CA  
Jack 8FP  
Sam 8CL

## Geography

Amelie 8FG  
Will 8FG

## Religious Studies

Cameron 8BP

## Languages

Elaine 8FP  
Ethan 8DL  
Tom 8CA  
Elliot 8WM  
Tristan CL

## Art

Daniel 8WM

## Drama

Katherine 8FP

## Music

Grace 8NP  
Tom 8CA

## Technology

Sarah 8WM  
Jennifer 8NP

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Thank you as always for all of the support that parents have given to the students and the school. Your children are amazing!

Best wishes, Mrs Ahern, Year 8 Guidance Manager

## Year 9

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Monday 8th March, and I am extremely excited to have year 9 back! It was lovely to see so many of them this week when they came in to school for their teenage booster jabs. The school nursing team mentioned to me how brilliant they were and Scoot was on hand to help me for the day!

Year 9 have done exceptionally well throughout this lockdown rising to the challenge and again demonstrating wonderful resilience. The year group have been outstanding with their remote learning and I am so proud of them all! However, I know they will be looking forward to getting back into the classroom environment and having the opportunity to socialise with their peers.

When they come back to school they will remain in their year group bubbles. As of Monday 8th March, the normal attendance and lateness policy will apply. Pupils will also need to be back in full school uniform. Please can I remind you that hoodies are not part of the school uniform and cannot be worn under, or over blazers. I would advise pupils to bring coats in to school. This week's assembly I have recorded (on Satchel One), has more information for pupils about returning to school next week and what to expect, which I would advise them to watch. On Monday morning they will be having hour long tutor sessions, where we will be doing some well being activities to help them settle back in and make them feel as comfortable as possible.

The pupils well-being remains paramount and I want year 9 to feel as supported as possible coming back into school and help them feel happy and safe. We understand that children's experiences will have been very different during lockdown. The prospect of returning may once again feel quite daunting and I know some will be feeling worried. If they are feeling like this, please do encourage them to talk to myself or their tutor about it so they can be reassured as we are here to support them as much as possible during this time.

I would like to mention the key worker pupils that have been in school throughout this period. They have been absolutely brilliant and have been a pleasure to have in school- so well done to them all! I will miss our morning registration periods!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their understanding and support since the lockdown was imposed. I know that this period has been challenging for many families, in particular when you have had to juggle work commitments, other children and supporting your child with their remote learning.

The year group came back so well last time and settled back into school life brilliantly, and I'm sure that their return can be just as successful again. Please get in contact with me if you need to or have any concerns: [h.kalogerias@toynbee.hants.sch.uk](mailto:h.kalogerias@toynbee.hants.sch.uk)

In the meantime, I very much look forward to seeing year 9 on Monday morning!!

Best wishes,

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Mrs Kalogerias, Year 9 Guidance Manager

## Year 10

I am so excited to finally have Year 10 back in school next week!

They have all done themselves proud with how well they have coped and how resilient they have been with this period of remote learning and like with the first lockdown, I have no doubt it won't take them long to get settled back into school again. I also would like to say a big thank you to parents and carers for their support over the last few weeks, it has been really appreciated. I am sure you are all just as much looking forward to them coming back into school!

Whilst most of the students have been at home there have been a small number of Year 10 students working on their remote learning in school. A big well done to these students too for coming in each day cracking on with their work and adapting to the ever-changing situation - I am sure they are looking forward to seeing the rest of the Year Group back with them though!

As I am writing this, we have just finished our first round of testing for Year 10 and all I can say is... Wow! The students came in, and just got on with it. It just goes to show what resilient young people they are. I was so pleased to be able to see them again even if it was for a short amount of time!

It will be lovely to have the Year Group back together next week, back in a routine and back to some form of normality. I can understand some students will be feeling anxious about the return to school. I will of course be available next week to check in with students and help them get settled back into school. If there is anything in particular your child is worried about or if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at the school or email me at [h.west@toynbee.hants.sch.uk](mailto:h.west@toynbee.hants.sch.uk).

I hope you and your families have a nice weekend and continue to stay safe.

See you soon Year 10!

Best wishes, Miss West

## Year 11

Well, what can I say..... As we draw closer to some form of "normality" with Year 11 returning to school, I couldn't be prouder of them. The resilience and motivation they have shown adapting to remote learning proves them all to be a credit to the school. I have been overwhelmed at the number of "Well Done" postcards I have sent home - a testament to how hard everyone has been working.

It has been lovely to speak to parents these past weeks. Pupils have all managed incredibly well during lockdown- it is evident they all cope in different ways. No matter what, please remember, they have done the best they can, and that is all we ask. You have all now received the link for the online shop to purchase leavers hoodies - thank you to those who have already placed an order. The hoodies are always very popular and are a lovely memento. The closing date for ordering is Monday 15th March. The link to access the shop is below:

<https://www.leavershoodies.com/shop/toynbee-school-year-11-leavers-2021>

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I just wanted to share a heart-warming story with you. Here is a picture of 2 Year 11 pupils. They happened to find a tortoise on the school grounds this week. It was caked in mud and looked a little lost! They brought it into reception, and we posted a picture of the tortoise on the local neighbourhood social media group. Within minutes we had call from the owner who explained that the tortoise (named Shell) had been missing since September! Within a few hours, Shell was reunited with her very appreciative owner. Well done to the boys - they acted in a responsible and caring manner ensuring Shell was looked after before going home 😊



I would also like to say a big thank you to Mr Landa who wanted to show his appreciation to staff at school for their support during lockdown. He provided some delicious food for everyone and it was gratefully received. Please can I take this time to thank all parents for their support and kind wishes during the past few weeks. It has meant a lot to all of us.

As always, please remember I am here to help and support. Please contact me with even the smallest concern or question on 02380 269026 or email me on [m.vallance@toynbee.hants.sch.uk](mailto:m.vallance@toynbee.hants.sch.uk)

Please stay safe and I look forward to supporting you and working with you in your child's final few months at Toynbee.

Mrs M Vallance

## **Fundraising update from H Naylor, Year 7**

Harry has let us know that he raised £680 for NHS Charities together, by Sim racing for eleven and a half hours. Harry really enjoyed his day racing and would like to thank the school and those who donated for their help and support.

## **Toynbee Instrumental/Vocal Lessons**

Lessons will re-commence the week beginning 15th March and a timetable for the remainder of the term will be emailed to you shortly. We are now recommending that pupils wear masks in these lessons where possible.

## **Risk Assessment**

We have updated the whole school risk assessment and you will be able to access this if you wish on the policy section on the school website.

## **Book-Face Winners!**

As part of our virtual World Book Day celebrations, the English Department held a Book-Face Challenge.

We had so many amazing entries that it was difficult to choose, but the overall winners are:

1st Place - Naomi 7Tu

2nd Place - Josie 10Pd

3rd Place - Leandro 7Lp

Well done to all three of you for such imaginative and well considered entries. We'll be giving out prizes and sharing all the most fabulous entries at school on Monday. Pupils will also have the chance to see the efforts of some of the staff.

## WORLD BOOK DAY Book-Face Winners



1st



2nd



3rd

I hope that you have a great weekend, Matthew