



16 April 2020

Dear Pupils, Assalamu Alaikum (may peace be upon you),

I hope you are keeping well and healthy during these strange times. We certainly never faced anything like this before and it is a challenging time for us all. However, it is also a time that allows us to develop our resilience and new ways of adaptable working.

I would first like to thank those pupils and parents who have been in touch to see how the staff here at TIBHS, are doing. I know lots of staff have taken up new hobbies and developed new skills, alongside delivering digital lessons, setting you work within your work packs and giving you feedback, and I will let you ask them about these hobbies when you return.

As a priority, we are all trying our best to remain healthy and ensure that our loved ones are too, so that we can continue to support those pupils who need to access school during this time and that they enjoy their (slightly unusual!) school days.

As well as this, we are working hard to make sure that when school reopens, we are ready and can get back to our regular school routine, with our busy and thriving school community.

I speak with all our staff on a regular basis and it is safe to say, and I am pleased to say they are all safe and their loved ones are also safe. They are missing you all being in school very much, as am I. We have been delighted to see the response to our distance learning approach from all year groups, as you all adapt to this temporary new way of working. Never underestimate the joy you bring to each of your teachers when you submit work or contact them with the projects you have been working on at home! We have examples of the 'Digital Learning' on the school twitter page. If you have anything to share please send it to the school email account at [info@tibhs.staracademies.org](mailto:info@tibhs.staracademies.org)

As part of our commitment to your welfare, I am delighted to say that thanks to each teacher who has come into school over the past 3 weeks, we have now contacted every pupil and student here at TIBHS. We have called home to check how each of you are doing and that you can access work and extra support from home. We want you to know that we are here to support each and every one of you, so if you need any extra help, please contact any of your teachers or myself directly via email using the [info@tibhs.staracademies.org](mailto:info@tibhs.staracademies.org) account. In addition, the school office is open from 9 – 3pm daily and the school telephone number is 01254 918670.

For now, enjoy the rest of your Easter break with your loved ones and from next week, the digital timetable will start. Continue with the same momentum and focus that you have impressed us with, as we head into the new Summer term. A copy of the digital timetable will be sent to you no later than Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020. The main changes include:

- The timetable will start on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020
- The timetable will start at 11am to 4pm due to Ramadhan starting w/c 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020
- Work pack B will support the Teaching and Learning which is completed online
- Within the timetable there is a Faith slot and also a PE slot to help with health and well being
- Years 9 and 10 will continue with a digital timetable
- Year 8 will receive either a digital timetable or a non-digital timetable based on the feedback regarding IT availability for the pupils at home



- Year 7 will receive a non-digital timetable which will help them structure their learning using the work packs

We very much look forward to welcoming you back into school when the time is right and in the meantime, hope you remain the happy, positive and energised pupils and students we know so well.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Mr Ditta', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Mr Ditta

Principal