



13 July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer, Assalamu Alaikum (may peace be upon you),

I pray you and your family are well and safe.

I would like to thank all of our young men for taking part in the Digital Learning during the unprecedented Pandemic, I would like to go further and offer my appreciation to all the parents/carers who have continuously supported the school throughout this period. You have ensured that your son was engaging in the online learning and was on time to each of his digital sessions. Without your continued support, as a school we would not have been able to reduce or minimise the loss learning during the Pandemic.

I am very humble and proud of all my committed team at TIBHS for their valiant efforts during this period. The way the staff had to work transformed overnight. The transition from teaching face to face to online, whilst not easy, was something they took into their stride. Throughout this period if I was to mention that the lessons have continued, assessments have taken place, attendance and pastoral checks have been adhered to, assemblies and individual pupil passports completed and the planning so that all of the Year 9 pupil cohort have attended school in some way shape or form. Milestones which when planning were considered to be ambitious and possibly unrealistic, by the grace of the Almighty all worked out the way I intended. Thank you for supporting your son in coming into school. That initial step is huge when trying to transition back from digital to face to face.

However, despite all the best efforts there is no doubt in my head that your son will have been disadvantaged by having a lack of face to face teaching. There is no substitute. So now I have to carefully consider how do I minimise any further disruption to your son.

My team have agreed in order for the Year 9 pupils to catch up on missed work in Modern Foreign Languages, to go over anything which was misunderstood and to still work towards a significant period, the school will now open for all of our current Year 9, going into Year 10 on **Monday 24th August 2020 to Thursday 27th August 2020** between the hours of **8.05am to 9.55am** to catch up. Selected pupils will also be called in on **Saturday 22nd August and Sunday 23rd August 2020** to complete their Creative iMedia R087 course. Further details will be sent out.

In order to get your son ready for school with the new arrangements a transition induction day will take place on the Monday morning when they arrive. This will help them get ready for their early entry exam in the Summer of 2021.

Further details will follow with regards to the logistical operational side over the coming weeks, as the new normal is very different as to what they left in March. For example, they will be taught in Year group bubbles in one location throughout the day. Your support in this is greatly appreciated. I can confirm that any non-attendance will have further detrimental impacts on your son's final year at TIBHS completing GCSE.

We thank you in advance for your help in this matter and would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and relaxing summer.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Ditta

Principal

