

2nd April 2020

**Parents and Guardians
Of TQEA students**

Dear Parent / Guardians

These are unquestionably unprecedented times and many of us are still getting used to new ways of living and working.

I hope that you and your family remain well, or have recovered quickly from any illness in recent weeks and wish you the very best of health as we move forward over the coming weeks and months.

Over Easter we will not be setting work for students, we have decided that the importance of retaining Easter as a “holiday” albeit with all the restrictions that we currently must all rightly abide by, will give families the opportunity to have a break and return post Easter refreshed and ready for a program of online education.

After Easter therefore, there will be an updated timetable for our students to follow and this will be made available on the school website. It will recognise the different circumstances that we are experiencing but will focus attention and effort on clearly defined learning in order to keep our students on track for success as we move towards a more normal world once restrictions are lifted.

On a personal note, after Easter I shall be moving to my formal role of Executive Principal for TQEA, two other secondary schools and our further education college within our Academy Transformation Trust family. On 20th April we welcome Mr Neil Harding as our new Principal at TQEA and whilst this cannot be a normal handover, I have been working closely with Neil to ensure a smooth transition and I will of course remain very much part of the TQEA leadership moving forwards.

We also say goodbye this Easter to Mrs Clare who is moving to a trust wide English role at another trust, we wish her success in her new role, she has been an absolute stalwart of our school for many years. Miss Hill has also been successful in securing a promotion and will be starting her new role after Easter, again we wish her our very best wishes for the future. Finally, good luck to Mr Hammond who is moving to a new role in Coventry to be nearer to his family.

I am delighted to introduce three new colleagues who are joining us after Easter. Mrs Gibson joins as Assistant Principal. She knows the school very well, being a former student at our school. She is already an experienced Assistant Headteacher and we look forward to her joining our senior team.

We are fortunate to be significantly strengthening our already strong Maths department with Miss O'Brien, a successful Head of Maths joining us to lead the maths team as our new Director of Maths. She is joined by an outstanding Lead Practitioner of maths, Miss Coley who, alongside our existing team, will ensure that our students continue to receive the very best maths education possible.

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In addition, Miss Chapman has recently returned to our English team to ensure that we remain fully staffed with experienced, specialist colleagues in this crucial department.

Thank you to colleagues and parents for your support so far this academic year, I look forward to joining you at many events over the coming years and to working alongside Mr Harding and you all to ensure continuing success for the fantastic students at our wonderful school.

Yours sincerely



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