

22nd May 2020

**Parents and Carers
of Years 7-9 TQEA students**

Dear parents/carers,

Following half term, and starting on the 1st June, TQEA students will move into the next wave of home-learning which will focus on ‘new’ learning. Although the Subject Learning Grids have been successful and are a body of work we are proud of, TQEA is evolving the remote learning offer to ensure students are motivated by new learning opportunities.

We are retaining the suggested timetable, meaning that students will be expected to complete two hours of Maths, English and Science per week, and one hour per week for other subjects and GCSE options.

When planning new learning tasks, teachers have been asked to consider the five principles the Education Endowment Foundation suggests. The principles are:

- **Activate**
- **Review**
- **Explain**
- **Practice**
- **Reflect**

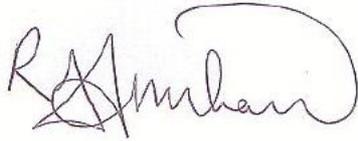
Subjects will set their learning differently, but they will adhere to these five principles. This will mean there will be tasks that require students to recall previous learning before they begin to receive new knowledge. There will be part of a lesson where students read or listen to instruction, before they then apply their new learning by completing a task. Finally, students will be encouraged to have a moment of reflection or review what has been learnt.

All learning will be set on Google Classroom and will be released on the day the subject appears on the recommended timetable. Feedback can take the form of tailor made or well-chosen online quizzes and some teacher comments. Appropriate learning will be posted home to students who have no internet access. It is strongly encouraged that even if students can access Google Classroom on their phones, they complete the tasks on paper and send a photo of their learning rather than use a posted paper copy.

As a school, we are proud of how hard our students have worked at home. The new learning tasks have been sequenced, prepared and checked so that they are high quality and will continue to enthuse students while they learn at home.

There is a separate letter for parents/carers of Year 10 students, as their learning is slightly different because of government guidelines. If you require any further guidance then please contact your child's teachers, or email Mr Cope for Year 7 (j.cope@tgea.org.uk), Mr Saye for Years 8 and 9 (j.saye@tgea.org.uk) or myself (r.armishaw@tgea.org.uk).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Armishaw'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

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