



24th March 2022

Dear students, parents and carers,

As you will be aware, many schools and colleges across the country are still struggling to provide onsite education to all students due to the large numbers of staff isolating for covid 19. At Tavistock College, we have until recently, managed to keep all year groups open by collapsing classes and team teaching larger numbers of students despite significant pressures on staffing.

We have reviewed our case numbers and current provision and unfortunately, we are still in a situation, that for reasons of operational safety, we will not be able to staff all timetabled lessons in school on **Friday 25th March**.

Therefore, the following plan will be in place for **Y13 students** on **Friday 25th March**:

- The College is fully open to all students.
- Y13 students are invited on site to use the usual study facilities, access the pastoral support available, and sit their mock exams scheduled on that day.
- Y13 timetabled lessons will not run as normal. Those teachers will be needed to teach other year groups and maintain operational safety in the school.
- Teachers of those Y13 lessons on Friday will ensure that appropriate resources are signposted to students via Google classroom to help guide their study and/ or revision on that day.

At this stage, we fully envisage this arrangement being in place for Friday 25th March only. We are increasing our on site procedures to reduce viral transmission by; not having assemblies or large student gatherings, advising all students to wear masks in communal areas, maintaining air flow in classrooms and increased touch point cleaning throughout the day.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any clarification or questions you may have. I would like to take this opportunity and thank you for your ongoing support at this challenging time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Philip Ruse'.

Philip Ruse  
Vice Principal