



18th 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 managed to keep all year groups open by collapsing classes and team teaching larger numbers of students despite significant pressures on staffing.

Unfortunately, we have reached a point, that for reasons of operational safety, we will not be able to accommodate all students on site as we move into next week. To help alleviate these pressures and to ensure that the school site is operationally safe for as many students as possible, specific year groups will be asked to learn remotely. We understand that this will be inconvenient for parents and students, however this is unavoidable on the grounds of health and safety.

The following plan will be in place for **Y9 students** only next week:

- **Online learning** from home on **Monday 21st** and **Tuesday 22nd March**
- Will **return to college** for lessons on **Wednesday 23rd March for the rest of the week.**

Year 9 students will follow the schedule below for their learning on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd March. All online learning will be accessible via their **google classroom** learning platform:

Monday 21st March

Period 1 - English

Period 2 - Science

Period 3 - Physical Education

Period 4 - Creative arts

Period 5 - Mathematics

Tuesday 22nd March

Period 1 - English

Period 2 - Science

Period 3 - Physical Education

Period 4 - Geography

Period 5 - Mathematics

We look forward to welcoming all other students into school on Monday morning to follow their normal timetable. However, 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.

I hope all students will continue to keep their high standards whilst working online. 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', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Philip Ruse, Vice Principal