



21st 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.

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 accommodate all students on site as we move into the latter part of this 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 **Y10 students** later this week:

- **Online learning** from home on **Wednesday 23rd** and **Thursday 24th March**
- Will **return to college** for lessons on **Friday 25th March**.

Year 10 students will follow the stand alone schedule below for their learning on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th March. All online learning will be accessible via their **google classroom** learning platform:

Wednesday 23rd March

Period 1 - English
Period 2 - Chemistry
Period 3 - Physical Education
Period 4 - Biology
Period 5 - Mathematics

Thursday 24th March

Period 1 - English
Period 2 - Physics
Period 3 - Physical Education
Period 4 - Social Studies
Period 5 - Mathematics

We look forward to welcoming all other students into school on Wednesday and Thursday mornings 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