



# THE TRINFORMER

Information during Isolation

KEY STAGES 4 & 5 EDITION

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## Heads-Up! A message from Mr. Godden

Dear Students,

It has been a month since we last wrote directly to you. The challenges facing your year groups remain unprecedented and we hope that you are all safe and well during this time.

Year 11: Under normal circumstances, last week you would have had Trinity Day, your Prom and the Eucharist - appropriately - sandwiched between. The loss of the day has been exceptionally sad and please be assured we continue to think of you as you reach the end of your five-year journey. We look forward to welcoming so many of you back into the Sixth Form. We have marked Trinity Day in a very different way and a booklet is now in the post for you.

Year 13: Equally, you would mark the conclusion of your studies and examinations with a BBQ; we are

currently in the process of working out how we do something for you... Watch this space!

Years 10 & 12: For you, the need to find a balance between work and rest remains essential. Ensure you seek support from the school to help if you are struggling: email addresses at the bottom of the page.

If you are in Year 10 this newsletter arrives on its own whilst for those in Years 11, 12 and 13 it is accompanied by a formal letter from me. The letter relates specifically to those years doing examinations and it is critical that you read this with care. Many Year 12s are entered for qualifications this year and it is simpler to send the message to the whole year.

Stay safe

Mr Godden

## #LetATeacherKnow...

@TrinitySchBelvd

Just before the lockdown, the whole school was considering gratitude and how appreciation of what we have makes us feel better. Some of you may well have sent messages to your teachers and support staff via the slip provided by your tutors.

Cambridge University Press are currently running a Twitter campaign #LetATeacherKnow, which is directly in line with this sentiment.

Trinity teachers and support staff are working incredibly hard at the moment to make the best of the current situation and looking after your education and caring for your wellbeing, as well as helping families in need within the wider community.

If there is someone you wish to thank, especially if you are currently in Years 11 or 13, you can write a letter or message and post it on the school's Twitter feed with #LetATeacherKnow or even send them an email. It will brighten someone's day and also make you feel good!

## Sixth Form Applications

Shortly, pupils in Year 11 who have applied to the Sixth Form will receive a letter about the next steps in this transition process.

We will be using the grades submitted at the time of your application. As indicated in the letter we cannot discuss Centre Assessed grades with you, and using these would be tantamount to doing this.

There will be plenty of concerns surrounding this methodology but it is no different to awaiting your examination results in normal years. This letter will deal with all the 'ifs and buts' - including the 'can I change...' and a myriad of other questions. Most importantly, it will enable you to be ready for the standard of work required in the Sixth Form.

Several subject areas have already been setting work that stretches you and your abilities. You are strongly encouraged to keep working on this.

## 12 & 13 Google Classroom

Miss Patten and Miss Irving are keeping you up to date with issues that are particular to your year group via whole year group classrooms.

## Examination Entries

The examination boards have now released full deadlines of when various information needs to be provided to them. This information relates to all courses including GCSE, AS Level, A Level and vocational programmes.

As indicated in previous communications and the letter accompanying this Trinformer edition:

- The Centre Assessed Grades cannot be shared with pupils, parents or any other parties...so please do not ask!
- These grades are scaled nationally according to a range of available data such as pupil's prior data, previous school outcomes and national outcomes.

If you have any queries about your exams please use one of the addresses below:

Year 11: [examinations@trinity.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:examinations@trinity.bexley.sch.uk)

Year 12 & 13: [sixthform@trinity.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:sixthform@trinity.bexley.sch.uk)

## Setting of work

Work will continued to be set for Years 10 & 12.

As we have mentioned a number of times, this is critical for you. There is no doubt, being away from school WILL have an impact on your examinations and we are supporting you in minimising this. You need to make sure what you are doing is having an impact to support this.

## Speakers for Schools

If you are looking for a bit of inspiration from those who lead and run companies, organisations and charities as well as commentators, look at the Speakers for Schools programme [here](#).

## Careers Advice & Guidance

Although we are at home much more than we would want, there are plenty of things that you can do...some of it can be upskilling, finding out what you want to do or planning for the future.

Make the most of these FREE online courses to:

- Boost your employability and give you great updates for your CV.
- Help you improve your study skills in time for college and university
- Prepare you for apprenticeships in the future.

Please note:

- All the below are free courses. They all feature ads, so click on 'remove ads' to see the content.
- Only give out the briefest of information e.g. name and email. Never give your phone number.
- One site asks for a Date of Birth to know which school year you are in, which is ok.
- Some professional Future Learn courses offer the chance to engage with other students on their moderated portal. This would not be recommended for Year 11 students
- If the specific videos here don't appeal, use You Tube/the main links to find ones that do.

## Employability Courses

The information and weblinks for the following courses can be found on the school website [using this link](#). Many of them have multiple programmes.

1. Touch Typing
2. Word, Excel and PPT
3. Basic First Aid
4. Developing Career Resilience
5. How to write a CV
6. How to succeed at writing applications
7. How to succeed at interviews
8. Communication & Presentation Skills
9. Digital Technologies- Minecraft Coding, Movie Maker, Python, Scratch, Animation, Gif making, Graphic Design, Video Editing, Entrepreneurship
10. Plumbing, Electrics and Carpentry, Car Technician basics
11. Food Safety

## Courses to boost your studies

The weblinks for the following courses are embedded in the document. Note that many of the programmes here are examples: dig into each company's course menu and you will find there are many more to choose from. This is a very small selection!

**Future Learn:** [Register here](#)

List of courses by [subjects](#)

Examples (there are hundreds, in all subjects):

[Improve study techniques](#)

[A Level English Literature](#)

[Start writing fiction](#)

**Open Learn:** a huge variety of free academic courses

Example: [History courses](#)

**Open University Badges** for your CV Courses will feature quizzes and interactive learning:

[Register here](#)

**'Idea':** Loads of cool courses - all free:

Graphic Design, Making websites, problem solving, money management.

**CRITICAL WORKERS:**

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**GENERAL ENQUIRIES:**

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**PASTORAL CARE:**

[pastoral@trinity.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:pastoral@trinity.bexley.sch.uk)

**SIXTH FORM:**

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**WELLBEING:**

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