



# Thomas Alleyne's High School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this email finds you and your family well. As you are aware, the government has made the decision to pause the relaxation of Covid restrictions until 19<sup>th</sup> July. Having considered the government guidance and consulted our feeder schools, we have concluded that this year, transition from middle schools to Thomas Alleyne's High School will be undertaken remotely. We were really looking forward to welcoming Year 8 pupils into school in July, but this will now not be possible.

As a result, we are putting together an alternative transition plan. This will include Mrs Rudge visiting the Middle Schools to meet with pupils and provide them with the opportunity to ask any questions that they may have. Students can also find a range of activities and videos that will introduce them to the pastoral team and subject leaders via our school website. These can be found at <http://www.thomasalloynes.uk/page/?title=Year+8+to+Year+9+Transition&pid=93>

Thomas Alleyne's High School staff will also 'meet' pupils and their parents and carers remotely via Zoom. We intend to proceed with our Parent and Carer transition evening on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, however, this will now be held remotely. Further details of this will be sent out in due course. We remain confident that we will be able to run our Year 8 'SEN Plus' Summer school from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July. We have run this Summer School for a number of years and receive very positive feedback from pupils and families. If your child is able to attend the Summer School, we very much look forward to seeing them.

We have also secured an opportunity for 30 students to attend a summer school at Thomas Alleyne's. This is delivered by PET-Xi Training Ltd who offer an innovative, intensive Summer School Programme to Year 8, starting on 16th August 2021. The 5-day programme will be motivational and fast-paced, focusing on topics identified by the school to help students reach their full potential. The programme is entitled "Epic Summer 2021" and will allow your child an opportunity to practise their English and/or Maths skills, as well as have a chance to acclimatise themselves with the school building and to make new friends with pupils from other middle schools before the term starts.

Their motivational lead trainer will keep the pace fast, focused and highly structured, whilst their subject experts will ensure that the content is explained thoroughly and comprehensively, using relevant examples to aid understanding. The role of the peer mentors is to ensure that no student is left behind, providing individual support wherever necessary to ensure the group works at the same pace. If you have any questions or need any further information about PET-Xi and their programmes please contact them on 02476 420310 or visit their website [www.pet-xi.co.uk](http://www.pet-xi.co.uk).

To book a place on this fully funded programme, please complete the google form: <https://forms.gle/c2LR62PwxkdjzTZH9>

Finally, to provide the Year 8 students with an induction to Thomas Alleyne's High School it is our intention to have the new Year 9's into school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Pupils in Years 10, 11 and Sixth form will return to school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. School staff will be in contact with families shortly with further details.

Yours sincerely

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