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Dear Parents/Carers

With week one behind me I feel it is important to communicate the ICT decision that I have taken within the first few days of my Headship of Tring School.

Following the analysis of recent academic outcomes within ICT at AS level only, I felt it was morally wrong to allow another Year 12 group of students take a course where the likelihood of success was not secured. I feel that the department needs more support and rigour to bring about improvement, so I have redeployed the ICT specialist staff into supporting existing examination classes wherever possible. This is a strategy that I have used before and whilst very expensive I believe it is worthwhile. We will be reviewing all 6th form courses this autumn, which is the usual practice for most schools, and the prospectus for next year will indicate what we will be offering.

I have received a number of communications from you, including the press, who will probably print something this week. I have taken a firm line and have made this a strategic decision in the interests of the students of Tring School. Allowing another group of students to take the AS ICT course would have been the easy option until the AS results became published next summer. Since the announcement was made, we have worked with students affected to identify alternative options from the range of subjects offered by Tring School and have made appropriate provision for them.

As a new Head I will be looking at the whole curriculum in the school. The leadership team and staff will put forward professional decisions on what is right for the students of Tring School. This is not an overnight development, this will take considerable thought and planning over a period of time and we will share these developments with you. I will always add a caveat, like all Headteachers, when a difficult decision has to be made about running or not running a course because of unforeseen circumstances, then I will take that decision and I will do it in the best interests of the students.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at my 'Meet the Head' evenings either this week or on 19 September.

Yours sincerely

Sue Collings
Headteacher

