

Glossary of Terms for Parents (October 2008)

ALIS	A Level Information System. Tests used to help set examination targets at A Level.
CATs	Cognitive Ability Tests (Year 7) taken at the beginning of the year.
Connexions	Service providing advice to young people about issues such as drugs, careers, sex education.
Core Subjects	English, Maths and Science. Subjects which are compulsory throughout a student's statutory education.
D & T	Design and Technology.
Foundation Subjects	Subjects other than Maths, English or Science.
FoTS	Friends of Tring School. A fundraising group made up mainly of parents.
HE	Higher Education.
ICT	Information and Communication Technology.
Induction Day	Year 6 students are invited for their induction to Tring School.
INSET Day	Holiday for students when staff are in school for in-service training.
Key Stages 3, 4 and 5	Education is organised into blocks of years. KS3 – Years 7, 8 and 9 KS4 – Years 10 and 11 KS5 – Years 12 and 13
LT	Leadership Team.
Learning Centre	Tring School Library.
Mock NCTs (SATs)	Practice examinations in preparation for the Year 9 National Curriculum Tests.
NC	National Curriculum.
NCTs	National Curriculum Tests (Year 9).
Occasional Day	Holiday for staff and students.
Pastoral Report	Written report from form tutor about student behaviour/attitude at school.
Progress Tracker	Level/grade student has achieved each term.
SENCO	Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator.
SRE	Sexual and Relationships Education.
Vertical Tutoring	Mixed Age Tutor Groups.
Vocational History	GCSE History course with a vocational slant.
World Challenge	Company specialising in challenging expeditions for students to a wide variety of developing countries.
YELLIS	Year 11 Information System. Tests used to help set examination targets at GCSE.
ISA	Investigative Skills Assignment. Assessment exercises taken under examination conditions which contribute 25% of the marks for Science GCSE subjects.
EMA	Education Maintenance Allowance. A weekly payment of up to £30 paid directly to eligible young people who continue in learning after they reach the statutory school leaving age.
Tutor Time	Twenty minutes in the morning and five minutes in the afternoon when the Form Tutor registers all students in their Tutor Group. This time is also used for form activities, giving out notices and House and Year assemblies.