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UCAS COVID-19 Statement

Reading School is a medium sized school with 1100 students including 370 in the Sixth Form. It is a high-performing academically selective school in both Year 7 and in Year 12 with around 70 new students joining the school in the Sixth Form.

Reading School closed as a result of coronavirus on Tuesday 24th March and did not fully reopen until September. We began a programme of remote learning for students that involved teachers using Microsoft Teams to set work for students and hold online meetings where appropriate. The school ran a shortened day from 8:45-1:30 with six 35 minute lessons for students. Year 12 students (now applying to university) were invited back into school in July for one day each for some preparation for university applications. A small number of students were also invited back into school for extra academic and pastoral support where required.

We resumed schooling for all year groups in September with an altered school day to encourage year group bubbles and to allow for staggered exit times. Our usual Year 12 end of year exams were altered by the lockdown and we carried out exams for all students in September. These exams were a key indicator in providing predicted grades to students. The need for September exams and the altered school day has meant that our predicted grade and referencing process has happened in a shorter time frame than in previous years.