



**Kemnal
Technology
College**

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Dear Parents/Carers

WEEKLY UPDATE

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break, despite the lack of sunshine and enjoyed the time with your family. I welcome you all back to a new academic year and a special welcome is extended to the new members of our school community, our Y7 parents and families.

I hope you find these Weekly Updates useful and informative. Please know that all correspondence sent out from the school will also be placed on the website for ease of reference. I take this opportunity in reminding parents of our twitter page @Kemnal TC – please know that this is regularly updated throughout the school day with photos and snippets of what is going on in school.

We had a very busy start to the new term with testing for the first 4 days and then it was a pleasure to finally welcome our new Y7's on Tuesday. They looked so smart in their school uniforms. So far they have conducted themselves extremely well and seem to be keen learners. Ms Herbert, Head of Y7, has said that she is impressed on how well they have adapted to secondary school life. Please know that if you have any issues or concerns then I urge you to contact your child's Form Tutor in the first instance and/or Ms Herbert.

I am also conscious that due to the pandemic and being in "bubbles" a number of our students have only been in their "bubble" and not been in different parts of the school. As we are now fully "bubble free" it is great to see the school bustling and students having the opportunity to be taught in subject areas. We are also looking at offering a tour to those parents that did not have the opportunity to view the school because of Covid so please keep a look out for details on that.

A date for **Y7 Parents** – the College will be holding its "Meet your child's Form Tutor" evening on **Thursday 16 September 2021 from 4.00pm to 6.00pm**. This will be done virtually and letters will be sent out today detailing how you access the site as well as information on booking your preferred time slot to meet your child's Form Tutor. We have found that this is a great opportunity just to reassure (parents mainly) that your child is settling in and whether there is anything else we can do. A follow up text reminder will also be sent out on Monday.

From Monday 13 September 2021, our Y11 students will benefit from having P6 lessons. Staff are very conscious that our students have missed a lot of school and therefore have put in an extra lesson after school on Monday (English), Wednesday (Maths) and Thursday (Science). This is compulsory and allows subject teachers to close the gaps with learning. I thank the staff involved as I am aware that this increases their workload but I know how passionate they are about ensuring that your son does well in his GCSE's next year.

In addition, our English staff will be giving up their Saturday mornings to run online Intervention Sessions. These will be delivered by Miss Wride and Mr McCalla. Again, I strongly encourage that your son attends as these are crucial in developing their knowledge and understanding. These sessions are run on

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Google Classroom and your son will know how to access this. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact either Ms Wride or Mr McCalla. I take this opportunity in thanking both Ms Wride and Mr McCalla for giving our students this wonderful opportunity.

Next week, Friday 17 September 2021, our Y7, Y8 and Y9 students will have an external speaker attend the College to deliver an assembly on "Violence Awareness". Students will look into the background of a true life story focusing on the story of Lloyd, who lost his life in an unprovoked attack which left friends, family and a community devastated. The assembly draws on the lessons that can be learnt from this incident on both sides to prevent his story repeating. We are mindful that this may cause upset to some students and if you think it unsuitable for your child to be involved then please contact your child's Head of Year by Thursday 16 September 2021.

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Before the summer break, Mr Aldwinckle on behalf of the College, entered a competition to win 100 different Penguin book by Black, Asian and minority ethnic authors and he won! We are very excited about these books hitting our library and giving our students this wonderful opportunity to read exciting books from a wider range of authors. Please know that the College remains focused on reading and students are to bring in a book with them every day.

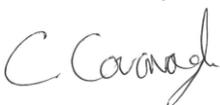
Our Y9's will be starting a great project with "First Give" from Monday which will take them all the way through to a grand final in November. During PSHE lessons, students will conduct their own research on social issues within the local community and identify charities/causes to represent and conduct social action, fundraising and raise awareness for. The students will have lessons and workshops on how to help develop their personal skills and public speaking. Students will be competing against each other in small groups and present to an "X-Factor" style panel of judges to win a £1000 prize for their chosen cause. We very much look forward to updating you on their progress over the coming weeks.

Attached to this letter is a poster on extra-curricular clubs which is starting from next week. We encourage all students to become involved in as many clubs as possible as we believe it important that students gain a broader and wider understanding of subjects they like. Also, these Clubs are fun and students are learning without even knowing it! Please encourage your child to attend any of the Clubs that they feel maybe of interest.

Lastly and probably most importantly, we are very excited to have the return of breakfast in the Canteen. Students will now have the opportunity to purchase breakfast in school between 8.00am and 8.30am. Students are then able to go to the Library where there will be able to complete homework, get themselves ready for the day, read quietly and/or access our computers.

All that remains is to wish you a pleasant weekend and as always, thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



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