



**Kemnal  
Technology  
College**

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Dear Parents/Carers

### WEEKLY UPDATE

You will remember from my letter last week that some of our students took part in their practice for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. This week saw students participate in the Bronze and Silver practice expedition where they had to use their navigating skills through unknown terrain, through the rain, rain and more rain, as well as having to “dip deep” once they reached camp and use their cooking skills.

All members of staff, Mr Griffin, Mr Walden, Mr Lonergan and Miss Cumber were extremely impressed with just how resilient our boys were and how they coped in the difficult and relentless weather. Did I mention it rained? We wish them the very best of luck in their assessed expeditions taking place next week – we have every faith in our students and know they will battle through the elements.

Sports Day returns next week and we know how much our students are looking forward to this event. The pandemic has stopped us from having these great sporting fixtures, however, we are excited and thrilled that all our students will take part. During Form time, students have been selecting teams in order to compete. I encourage you to check our Twitter account @KemnalTC for pictures and updates.

This week Miss Cornish and Miss Wride have been conducting individual interviews with all Y11's. This was a general discussion to ensure that they are on target to achieve their future aspirations and decisions around Post 16 Options. Conversations were had on grade marks and progress in order to ensure they are on track to achieve their full potential. Miss Cornish and Miss Wride thoroughly enjoyed holding these interviews and they conveyed how impressed they were with the Y11's.

This was the last week of Y11 Mock Exams. Ms Morley and Heads of Faculties have commended the students on their mature approach towards these exams. Students conducted themselves in a polite and respectful manner towards our invigilators and this is also good experience for what they will have to endure next summer. We hope that all students achieve the grades that they worked for and look forward to sharing their results. Pupils taking French GCSE still have speaking and listening mocks on 20 and 21 July 2021.

On Tuesday 13 July 2021, Y9's will be involved in a Cultural Workshop which is being delivered by an external speaker from our local community. The workshop focuses on Islam and will educate our students on the religion including beliefs and values. At College, we value diversity and respecting each other's differences and it is only by learning about different faiths we are able to educate ourselves so that we have a better understanding. It is also extremely important as this will be a key part of our curriculum in the future. We plan to roll out these workshops to other year groups in the next academic year.

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Please know that the next batch of Lateral Flow Tests have been given to students today. With the rise in cases that has been reported in the national news, I do encourage you to continue testing to ensure that we do our very best to keep each other safe.

A reminder that the school will be closed to students on Monday 12 July 2021– this is our last Inset Day of this academic year and I can assure you that it was organised before Euro 2020.

All that remains is to wish you a lovely weekend and like everyone else in the country, let's hope "it does come home"!

Yours faithfully



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