



**Kemnal  
Technology  
College**

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Dear Parents/Carers

### **WEEKLY UPDATE**

The College this week trialled a number of “live” lessons and have been thrilled how well this has been received with students. Teachers were impressed at how well students conducted themselves and how it was a great pleasure for them to see their students. As we go forward, we are now from next week rolling out live Form Times and Assemblies.

Head of Year Assemblies will take place every Monday (starting 18 January 2021) for Y7 – Y10’s at 9.15am. Heads of Year are very much looking forward to catching up with their year groups. This will be an opportunity for students to be given messages and share information on how to support learning as well as being able to see friends, which we believe will be good for everyone’s overall wellbeing.

Form Tutors will also be hosting live Form times for their groups with Y7, Y9 and Y10 being held on a Wednesday and Y8 on a Tuesday. These will also start at 9.15am. For Y11 students, these will be held on Monday for 11AMA, Tuesday for 11JLU, Wednesday for 11ANP & Friday for 11BH and further information will be given on planned “drop in” sessions. Please ensure that your child logs on as this is an excellent opportunity for Form Groups to get together virtually to talk to each other and to speak with their Form Tutor.

Also attached to this letter is our Remote Learning Policy and the College’s outlook for Remote Learning and Teaching. It sets out our expectations of teachers, students and offers parents guidance on home learning. I encourage you to read through the policy and attachments which gives clear advice on how to support your child with remote learning.

I feel I must reiterate that all students are to follow their normal timetables. Our Remote Learning Curriculum matches, as much as is possible, our normal curriculum. We are offering a minimum of 5 hours per day and these will include directed activities such as enrichment, physical activity and independent learning. Students need to log on to Google Classroom at the start of their lessons. There will be short, frequent assessments to enable students to show their understanding of what has been taught, and to inform teachers’ next steps in their planning.

We understand that it is not always possible to have access to a device so if this is the case, work from the Live Lessons will be posted onto Google Classroom for everyone to see the work set.

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The College is also able to send out paper copies of work if you would prefer or as an additional way of supporting your child's learning. Please contact the School Office and they will be able to assist you.

Curriculum content will be accessible to students including those with SEND. Lessons are differentiated live by Teaching Assistants, where possible, and they are available via Google Classroom when necessary. If students with SEND have any issues accessing lesson content, or if you have concerns about the provision being provided, please contact Mrs Brenson and/or Mrs Simmons via email ([kbrenson@ktc-tkat.org](mailto:kbrenson@ktc-tkat.org) or [tsimmons@ktc-tkat.org](mailto:tsimmons@ktc-tkat.org) ).

Please know that students' attendance is being recorded by teachers in every lesson. Absences will be followed up using the normal procedures with parents being contacted if students are not attending.

I remind you that if students are unable to access remote learning or you have any concerns, then in the first instance, please contact your child's Head of Year:

Year 7	Mrs Hicking	<a href="mailto:mhicking@ktc-tkat.org">mhicking@ktc-tkat.org</a>
Year 8	Mrs Cooper	<a href="mailto:mcooper@ktc-tkat.org">mcooper@ktc-tkat.org</a>
Year 9-	Ms Howard	<a href="mailto:mhoward@ktc-tkat.org">mhoward@ktc-tkat.org</a>
Year 10	Mrs Morley	<a href="mailto:tmorley@ktc-tkat.org">tmorley@ktc-tkat.org</a>
Year 11	Ms Dermanchi	<a href="mailto:rderamchi@ktc-tkat.org">rderamchi@ktc-tkat.org</a>

Please continue to encourage your child to read as this is one of the most important and effective ways to 'catch up' on learning skills. Using audio books and blogs is also an effective way to help support this. Reading remains a focus for all students. In Y7 and Y8, students will continue to have Library lessons which involves being read to and keeping a focus on the importance of reading. Our Accelerated Reader 'Home Connect' programme allows Y7 and Y8 students the opportunity for parents to quiz, track and record their child's reading.

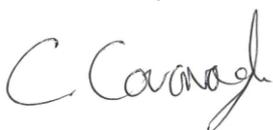
Pastoral Leads this week have continued to contact all students and this has been greatly received by students and parents alike. Conversations have been mainly a catch up and sometimes not even school related.

A reminder to Y11's to continue with your learning – every effort put in now will increase the chances of a better grade in your GCSE's.

Again, I do appreciate that we are bombarding you with lots of information so please know that on the website we have created a Remote Learning page which contains a wealth of information on ways in which your child can access sites to support their learning and guides on how to access Google Classroom. I encourage you to visit our website as this is regularly updated. Our website is [www.ktc-tkat.org](http://www.ktc-tkat.org).

If you have any concerns or queries, then please do not hesitate to contact us. In the interim, take care and a massive well done to our students who really are the pride of the school.

Yours faithfully



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