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Dear Parents/Carers

**WEEKLY UPDATE**

I hope you all had a lovely break and enjoyed the time with your family.

It has been a very busy start to the new term and it is with great pleasure that I now share some of the fun activities that have been going on, alongside timetabled learning, in school this week.

You will remember from my letter before Easter when I informed you that students would be taking part in lessons that focus on relationships and sex education (RSE). The first lesson has gone extremely well and has allowed our students a safe space to ask questions they may have without shame or judgement. They have shown great maturity and respect during these sessions and I am sure their diligent attitude will continue for the remainder of this term.

The Department for Education has also published new guidance on '[Relationships education, relationships and sex education \(RSE\) and health education](#)'. I encourage parents to discuss this openly with your child and would be grateful for any feedback, thoughts or comments to be sent to Tanya Cornish, Deputy Headteacher at [tcornish@ktc-tkat.org](mailto:tcornish@ktc-tkat.org)

Today all year groups have had fun exploring cross-curricular topics in school. We celebrated Shakespeare's birthday with students watching a live performance online delivered by The Globe Players Theatre Company. Students then took part in Science activities where they created exciting mixtures, potions and they explored countries linked to Shakespeare's texts.



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This week also saw the start of “Kemnal Hearts” Form Time sessions. These are personalised topics for each year group. Heads of Year have enjoyed the planning and are now able to implement strategies and tactics that will support students during this unprecedented time. Form Tutors and Form Groups are using these sessions to build on their pastoral relationships and to incorporate our ethos of “growing hearts and inspiring minds”.

During the last 3 days of the Easter break, the College hosted its first “Easter Reading Programme”. We invited a number of Y7 students to attend with the aim of improving their reading skills by completing reading tasks in lots of different subjects. The sessions led by staff were fantastic. There was chocolate making in Technology after reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, making the face of Mr Twit after reading the Twits, parallel reading in French, tree identification using iPads in Geography, a historical murder mystery and creating a musical sound track to the Gruffalo to name a few of the activities. I believe we even had the students playing “Quidditch” after some Harry Potter reading.

I encourage parents to follow us on Twitter @KemnalTC for instant and up to date information on events currently going on in school.

My sincere thanks and appreciation goes to the number of staff involved in organising and making this possible for our students. It proves that learning can happen beyond the classroom and shows students how much fun it can be. This was so successful and thoroughly enjoyed by students (and staff) that we are hoping to run more of these programmes over the summer.

Well done to our Y11 students who still remain focused and attended Easter revision sessions either online or in school. Attendance to these sessions was good and students found them beneficial to their understanding as well as a great source of revision.

A diary note for parents of Y10’s – students will be having a Maths “non-calculator” mock exam on Wednesday 28 April during periods 4 and 5. Due to the timing of the mock, Y10’s ONLY will be dismissed at 2.50pm.

Can I remind parents that students should still be testing themselves regularly with their Lateral Flow kits. This is to keep the College open and for us all to remain safe.

As always, thank you for your support and enjoy your weekend.

Yours faithfully



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