



**Kemnal
Technology
College**

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Dear Parents/Carers

WEEKLY UPDATE

You will know from my letter during the week that we had a “virtual” Ofsted inspection on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. I believe that we are one of the first schools in the country to have this sort of virtual visit and it gave the inspectors the opportunity to look at how we are operating and providing education remotely.

Whilst I will share the outcome when it is allowed to be published, I must thank parents for their time in completing the Parent View Questionnaire and to those parents that took time out of their day to speak with the inspectors. Most importantly, the inspectors were impressed with how our students behaved during live lessons and the number of students attending.

Notwithstanding the inspection, life in College carried on as normal this week with the pastoral team having enjoyed their discussions with parents and pupils. The team are completing a “work tracking sheet” for every student which outlines the engagement of learning. This has been an excellent tool for parental discussions as the pastoral team are now able to let parents know what work is being accessed and how well their child is engaging with google classroom including live lessons.

Next week we are aiming to have a second live Form Time which will focus on “guided reading”. This will be another great opportunity for all students to meet for a second time as a collective group, speak with their tutors regarding any issues and just enjoy some guided reading directed by the Form Tutor.

Also during the course of next week, all Y7 parents will receive a phone call from subject staff to discuss their child’s progress in lessons. This is the amended format of a “Parents Evening” and has been successful for Years 9, 10 and 11. Parents will be able to have an in-depth discussion with each teacher regarding progress and our online provision. In turn, this will be rolled out for Y8 parents after half term.

You will know that students have access to a range of different tools they can access work and another platform we are offering to KS3 students is free etextbooks for History and Geography. I do encourage students to take up these opportunities in order to support their learning. Attached to this letter is a flyer with instructions on how to access this site and download the books.

I hope you find these weekly updates beneficial and please familiarise yourself with the website for the latest information from the school. I remind parents that if you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact your child’s Head of Year.

Until next week, enjoy your weekend and stay safe.

Yours faithfully

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