



Kemnal Technology College

10 December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

WEEKLY UPDATE

You will know that the College has been managing staff absences by rotating and closing year groups. Unfortunately, this week was not what we envisaged and again had no alternative but to close the school to different years. Next week, we will be closing the school to: -

Year Group	School Closed	To Return
Y7	Thursday 16 December 2021	Friday 17 December
Y8	Tuesday 14 December 2021	Wednesday 15 December 2021
Y9	Wednesday 15 December 2021	Thursday 16 December 2021
Y10	Monday 13 December 2021	Tuesday 14 December 2021

I very much understand that this is not an ideal situation but has been put in place to manage staff absences as well as ensure the health and safety of the site is not compromised. As we go to print, I very much hope that we can be fully open to the whole school on our last day of term so that students do not miss out on the celebrations planned.

Today saw our staff and students begin with the festivities by taking part in our annual "Christmas Jumper Day". All proceeds raised will be gratefully received by "Save the Children". Thank you to all those who contributed.

As announced last week, Magic Breakfast started and was welcomed by all those students who received a free hot toasted bagel with a choice of toppings on their way into school. We will be offering this service every day from 7.30am to all of our students so please encourage your child to come along and fuel their bodies for a day of learning.

A note to Y11 Parents, please be advised that compulsory intervention after school will not be taking place. Students are very much aware that they need to continue with their independent learning and as much as we want them to wind down and relax over the Christmas, they still need to keep on top of their learning.

For Y7 and Y8 parents, please know that students have been completing their STAR tests this week and this will continue to take place in English lessons. STAR Reading is an online reading test used to measure your child's reading ability. The test uses multiple-choice questions and helps to track reading progress as well as provide an up to date Reading Age.

www.ktc-tkat.org

Executive Headteacher:
Mr Christian Cavanagh

Kemnal Technology College
Sevenoaks Way, Sidcup,
Kent, DA14 5AA

Tel: 020 8300 7112
Fax: 020 8300 5619
Email: admin@kemnal-tkat.org

Next term, Y10 and Y11 students will be taking part in lessons which will focus on the relationships and sex education (RSE) aspect within their PSHE sessions in Form Time.

The aim of Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) is to provide an opportunity for students to be able to have sensitive discussions on topics such as puberty, sexual development and the importance of health and hygiene. These discussions will help students develop self-respect, respect for others, confidence and empathy as well as create a positive culture around issues of sexuality and relationships. Part of this programme also includes students being provided with correct terminology and vocabulary to describe themselves and their bodies.

Please be aware that although the Relationship Education, Relationship & Sex Education and Health Education (England) Regulations 2019 made Relationship Education compulsory, parents do have the right to withdraw their child from the [non-statutory/non-science] components of sex education within RSHE. **Therefore, if you wish for your son not to take part in these lessons, please can you email your child's Form Tutor and Head of Year to ensure they are withdrawn from this element of the programme by Friday 17th December 2021.**

We believe that sex education should allow children a safe space to ask the questions they may have without shame or judgement. Evidence states that a graduated age appropriate, spiral curriculum is the best way of preventing the topic of sex, reproduction and private body parts of becoming taboo and children from becoming embarrassed by the topic.

We feel it is important that this material is delivered by our teachers in conjunction with parents/carers support, as it highlights to students that relationship and sex education is something we can all talk about.

When we return in the new year, our Y7 students will have lessons in the main school. It is now time for them to integrate into the main body of the College. Y7 students will continue to have their Form Time in the Harris Block and have separate breaks and lunchtimes. All students will receive their new timetables in extended Form Time on the first day back after the Christmas break

Please know that it is likely that all schools will be asked to conduct mass testing before students return to school in January. Similar to what was in place after the summer break, the College will plan and send further information out to parents when this has been confirmed.

Please be advised that students will be dismissed on Friday 17 December 2021 at 12.20pm. Students will go to their first and second lessons as normal and will return to their Form rooms for P3. We have been informed by the bus company that for the route 638 they can accommodate our early finish.

Lastly, our Y7 journalists have been busy getting their “scoops” again. Attached is their latest edition on the newsworthy items across the school. Also attached is information for parents on Christmas festivities currently being offered at Mount Mascal Stables in Bexley.

All that remains is to wish you a pleasant weekend, stay safe and keep well.

Yours faithfully



Miss Emma Wride
1st DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

www.ktc-tkat.org

Executive Headteacher:
Mr Christian Cavanagh

Kemnal Technology College
Sevenoaks Way, Sidcup,
Kent, DA14 5AA

Tel: 020 8300 7112
Fax: 020 8300 5619
Email: admin@kemnal-tkat.org