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Dear Parents/Carers

WEEKLY UPDATE

Following Mr Cavanagh's announcement on Monday, I take this opportunity in wishing him all the very best with his recovery and thank him for giving me the tools and strategy to keep moving Kemnal forward.

I am extremely pleased to now be supported by Mr Stuart Smith. He is an Executive Headteacher at one of our other Trust schools and brings with him a wealth of knowledge and new ideas. He will share his time between Kemnal and his other school. He has this week already been making himself known to students and has worked tirelessly meeting staff as well as looking at new ways in which we can improve the school. I am very excited about the future of Kemnal.

I have many plans for the school and ways in which we can keep on improving the learning that goes on in the classroom and it is for that reason, I give you notice that from the new academic year (September 2022), I will be extending the school day. This will enable students to have 5 one hour lessons during the day which will make a difference to our student's knowledge and progress over time. The school day will finish Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 3.15pm and on a Tuesday at 2.45pm.

I am very proud in the way in which our Y11's have conducted themselves during their GCSE's. They have already sat so many of their exams and it has been rewarding to see them take it very seriously. I do appreciate that this is a very pressurised time for our Y11's and I ask parents to continue to support their sons'. The school is still scheduling revision sessions and I know many students have found these to be very helpful. I truly wish the very best of luck to our Y11's as we are more than half way through exam season.

So while our Y11's continue with their GCSE's, our focus now turns to our Y10's. Y10's will begin their mocks week commencing Monday 20 June 2022. I encourage parents to speak with your sons' and ensure they do prep and revise for them, as this will give them the realisation that their actual GCSE's are not that far away. For information, I attach the Y10 mock exam timetable. A paper copy of the timetable for mock exams will be given to every Y10 on Monday during Form time.

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Next Wednesday, all Y8 students will be involved in workshops based on "Safety First". The aim of these sessions is to educate our students on road safety, child criminal exploitation, drug and alcohol abuse as well as the use of social media. This will give students the tools to remain safe and to know how to report issues that concern them. Students will be off timetable from P1 to P4 but will return to normal lessons for P5.

You will know from my previous letter that Ms Hicking returned from maternity leave and is Head of Y7. She will now be supported by Mr Heron as Y7 Pastoral Lead going forward as Mrs Turner will be predominately working on the transition of new Y7's coming into the school from September.

I remind parents that the school runs a second hand uniform shop and has a number of new and barely worn skirts, shirts and blazers at very low costs. Please contact Angela Lyamani at angela.lyamani@kernal-tkat.org for ways in which you can purchase or donate old uniform.

All that remains is to thank you all for your continued support and enjoy your weekend.

Yours faithfully



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