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Dear Parents/Carers

WEEKLY UPDATE

Welcome to our first Weekly Update of 2022.

Can I ask parents to continue using LFT's in order to protect the College community. From our mass testing session at the beginning of term, we did have a small number of students' test positive that had no symptoms at all and it is by only regularly testing that we can protect each other and keep the school fully open and operational.

Our Y11's commence their mock exams on Monday 17 January to Friday 28 January 2022. I commend those students who have been preparing and studying hard. Due to the uncertainty at present with the summer GCSE's, all students have been told how important these mock papers are, as similar to the last 2 years, these could may well be used as evidence towards final grades. I strongly encourage that you with your son go through their exam timetable and continue to test your son's confidence in recalling information. This is to ensure that your son has every opportunity to achieve his full potential and that he is revising for his exams. For ease, a copy of the timetable will also be available on the website and please know that your son has already received a copy. Good luck Y11's.

I update Y11 parents to inform you that Ms Deramchi will now be Head of Y11. She will take Y11's through to their exams with the support of Mr Heron, Pastoral Lead. You will know that that Ms Deramchi has been responsible for this year group for the past few weeks and we are very grateful to her for taking on this extra responsibility. If you have any concerns or would like to speak to either member of staff, their email addresses are rabea.deramchi@kemnal-tkat.org and/or michael.heron@kemnal-tkat.org.

We were very honoured yesterday, Thursday 13 January 2022, that all our students in years 7 to 10 were able to watch a performance by "Eleni", a new and upcoming artist. It was an amazing day but more importantly she opened up and spoke candidly about her experiences with mental health and discrimination. I know many of our students found this enlightening and I am hopeful that it will bring home to all students that they know they can speak to a member of staff if they are struggling.

Our Y9 Parents Evenings will be held virtually on Thursday 20 January 2022 from 4pm-6pm via the School Cloud. Parents should have received the letter and I encourage that you book appointments with your child's subject teachers to discuss their academic progress.

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

Yours faithfully

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