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Dear Parents/Carers

WEEKLY UPDATE

A reminder to all parents that you will need to sign up to ClassCharts as the school will be transferring to this platform to communicate with parents. We believe this is an easier tool as well as parents being able to access more information on your child such as, tracking your child's progress, rewards, detentions, attendance etc. Attached is a poster on how parents can download this app.

You will know that one of the school's focuses, is attendance. We monitor and track attendance and work closely with outside agencies. It has become evident that on a Friday, attendance drops across all year groups. Absence from school has a detrimental impact on your child's learning and academic progress and I remind parents that the national attendance for every child should be 96.5% or above. We will continue to monitor persistent absentees and will forward details to the local authority for their action. As a reminder, if your child is sick, please call the Absence Line, stating your child's name and a detailed reason for absence.

We are aware that Covid is still very much a problem and attached is a letter from Dr Agnes Marossy (NHS Bromley CCG) with details on how 12 to 15 year-olds can go to get their first or second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

All our Y11's have received a Revision and Well Being Booklet this week during Form time. These booklets contain all the revision tools that students discussed and used during their Rapid Revision Day last month. The next session will be held on Tuesday 29 March and this will be based on 'marginal gains'. As always, we are always looking at new ways in which we can support our Y11's as they enter the final few weeks before the start of their GCSE's. These booklets are available to view on the website.

Some of our Y10 students had the opportunity to go to Roehampton University for a "taster day" on Wednesday. This was a great way of introducing "uni life" to our students and for them to gain an insight into what avenues are available to them once they finish their next educational path.

Our first "face to face" parental event takes place on Thursday 24 March from 4.00pm to 6.00pm for our Y9 cohort. Parents and students have been invited into the College for an "Options" information evening and to meet subject teachers. Letters have already gone out to all Y9 parents, but as always, all our correspondence is available to view on our website.

Some of our Y9 girls had the opportunity this week to go into London, see some famous landmarks, have lunch and finish it off by watching the musical "Wicked". This was an incredible trip and thoroughly enjoyed by students.

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We are very excited to welcome experienced members of the ambulance, police and fire services into school next Thursday to deliver sessions to our Y8 students on a variety of topics relevant to younger people and what is going on in our local community. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to be educated on non-school topics, see how our emergency services work, what they do as well as being given tools for issues that they will hopefully be able to transfer into daily use.

Some of Y8 girls also had the opportunity this week to go to “Nandos”. The girls very much enjoyed this experience which helped them build friendship groups and social awareness.

We do passionately believe that all learning is not confined to a classroom and we will look forward to reporting on more trips and visits. Our students respond so well to being out of the school environment and their behaviour is exemplary.

Just a reminder from last week’s letter that on Thursday 31 March 2022, the Safer School App is running a free online safety session for parents and carers. Please see attached poster for more information. As you know we live in a modern technology and online world, therefore working together to ensure that our pupils are safe online is paramount.

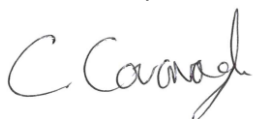
Our Science Fair takes place today and there is a “buzz” about the College. As we go to press, all that can be reported is that our students have produced some amazing work and I look forward to reporting further next week.

Mrs Morris our Technology Teacher, has been extremely busy with her classes today as they have been baking “Red Nose” cookies. Some students have great talents!

Can I remind parents that the school regularly “tweets”, so please follow us @KemnalTC for all our latest news and updates

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

Yours faithfully



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