



# Kemnal Technology College

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Dear Parents/Carers

## WEEKLY UPDATE

You will have probably heard in the national news that the government is looking to roll out their vaccination programme to children aged between 12 -15 years old.

Attached to this letter is information that we have been asked by the local authority to pass onto parents. In the letter from the NHS, there is a link that you will need to click on to access the consent form in order for your child to be vaccinated. Vaccinations will take place in school but the local authority and staff from the NHS will be overseeing the process. At the moment, we have not been advised of a date this will take place but thought it important to send out the information and the guides.

You will know that over the last few weeks all year groups have been taking part in assemblies which have been delivered by external speakers on "Violence Awareness" from the charity "Stand Up Against Violence". Students looked into the background of a true life story of a young man who sadly lost his life in an unprovoked attack. The assembly focused on the devastation this caused to his family, friends and the whole community. The assembly highlighted what can be learnt from his tragic death and looked into both sides to prevent this story repeating. I believe that our students gained a great insight and from this message, many questions were asked. I do commend our students for displaying maturity and being so respectful to what is a very sensitive issue.

Our Y11 intervention continues during the week with compulsory "P6's" on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Teachers and students are working hard to ensure that gaps are being identified and worked on. Thank you to those parents who are encouraging their son's to work independently at home. The mocks will be held in November and I encourage parents to urge your son to revise in preparation of his upcoming mocks. Saturday Intervention online still continues in English for Y11's and it is great to see so many students engaged and focused on their studies.

Our virtual "Y11 Parents Evening" will take place on Thursday 7 October 2021. Further details on how to book your slots with your son's subject teachers will be sent out shortly.

Our Y11's took part in meetings this week with an external Careers Advisor. These will carry on until October half term. It is important to be having conversations at home about your son's next path and what he is interested in pursuing.

Our site team have advised us that the back gate will be out of action next Thursday (30 September) and all students should enter school through the front entrance on Sevenoaks Way. Reminders will be given in form time during the week to remind students.

Lastly, work will be available for all students through google classrooms on Monday (27 September) as the rest of the College bids farewell to a very much respected member of staff. The Heselden family have asked that Mr Heselden's cortege comes onto the school site before his funeral on Monday as a mark of respect as his family believe it important to acknowledge his love for the school and more so, his 21 years of dedication and teaching here. We were very honoured to be able to accommodate that request. I do appreciate that this has been and will be a tough time for many students as well as staff but we do believe this will be a beautiful and fitting tribute for him.

I wish you all a pleasant weekend and as always, thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

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