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Dear Parents/Carers

WEEKLY UPDATE

As you will know the College is managing staff absences by closing KS3 year groups on a rotation basis. I do appreciate and understand that this is not ideal but this situation is being monitored daily and we believe by doing it this way has less impact on the disruption to students and teachers. I have to look at the number of staff that are off, then gage when they will be back into school. It is for that reason, Y9 students will be asked to work from home on **Monday 29 November 2021** and are to return on Tuesday 30 November 2021. Please know that closing year groups is a last resort and it is a decision I do not take lightly.

You will see from the letter attached that we do have cases in the school rising and I strongly urge that you follow the advice outlined in the letter especially with regular Lateral Flow Testing. We are in contact with the Department for Education as well as Bromley Healthcare. As always, please can you ensure that when you report your child absent you state their illness as we still record definitive numbers for confirmed Covid cases.

You will remember in my letter a few weeks ago that there is an increase in students across all boroughs using social media platforms to create negative posts and videos on schools and teachers. Attached to this letter is further information from Bromley Police with regard to this and the penalties that are in place if children post harmful and defamatory videos about schools or members of staff. I strongly urge that you speak to your child as the school will impose serious sanctions if we receive information of a video that has been posted about our staff or school.

The College is very excited to announce that from 7 December 2021 we are rolling out “Magic Breakfast” for everyone. This will mean that **ALL** students will receive a free healthy breakfast from 7.30am to 8.30am every day. We are seeing a number of students come to school hungry and this then has a detrimental impact on their learning. With the weather getting colder we will be offering items such as warm toasted bagels to everyone. Students are to come to the main staff room to collect their breakfast. Attached to this letter is further information on the scheme.

Sadly, we had to cancel our performance this week as we do not want any of our students to miss out on seeing this new band. We have rescheduled it to Friday 7 January 2022. Students will have the pleasure of having a performance by Eleni C who will also be speaking to the year groups about her experiences with mental health and discrimination.

A reminder to Y11 Parents that English intervention continues this week from 10.00am to 12.00pm with Ms Herbert now delivering History intervention from 9.00am to 10.00am. I encourage students that are studying History to join Ms Herbert’s session as again this will support them in their GCSE’s next summer. A thank you to Ms Wride, Mr McCalla and now to Ms Herbert for giving up their Saturday mornings.

Parents Evening for Y11 students will take place on Thursday 2 December on the Parent Cloud platform. This will be a vital time to speak to your son’s subject teachers around their mocks and progress, intervention and support going forward. All parents should have received information regarding the Parents Evening via email and on School Cloud.

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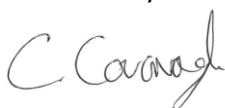
On Wednesday 1 December 2021, our Y9's will be taking part in the final of their First Give project, on stage in front of an audience in the Alan Youngman Auditorium. We will be welcoming to the College, the Mayor of Bromley and his wife as they will form part of the panel of judges. Our Y9's have worked so hard for their chosen charities since early September and it is fantastic that we will have a great audience for them to present to. The students have raised money through their social action in school and raised a huge amount of awareness of the social issues surrounding their charities. The programme finishes on Wednesday afternoon, where the winning group will be presented by the Mayor with a cheque for £1000 for their charity.

The College has a vacancy for a parent to join our governing body. Parent governors play a vital role by having the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. Through your child, you have a first-hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum, how your child is supported and how the school is perceived from a 'consumers' point of view. Attached to this letter is further information and a nomination form. I do look forward to receiving your nominations and welcome parents to nominate themselves. If you would like to discuss this further, then please do not hesitate to email the Clerk to the Governing Body, Carol Thomas at cthomas@tkat.org or speak to my PA, Margo Sweeney, for further information.

Finally, our Y7 students are becoming quite the journalists.....attached to this letter is their first ever edition of The Kemnal Observer. I look forward to sharing more copies of their "scoops" with you. Mr Aldwinckle has been working with them and it is a great way for them to have fun and get to know their teachers by creative writing and gaining confidence to interview adults.

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

Yours faithfully



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