



3 December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

WEEKLY UPDATE

As you know the College has been managing staff absences by rotating KS3 year groups and whilst I appreciate and understand that this is not an ideal situation, the College had no alternative but to put this in place. I do understand parents' frustrations that again children are missing out on their education but I go some way to reassure you that there will be a big focus on retrieval exercises for those year groups to catch up on any missed learning. From next week (as it stands), we believe that we can manage staff absences and the College will be open to all year groups.

In order to reduce the risk of transmission, our Trust have asked that the school do not allow external visitors to come into the College. All students and staff have been asked again to wear masks in communal areas as well as students now using wash hand stations and regularly using hand sanitiser. Can I reiterate the importance of continuing to use LFT at home and please let us know if you need more tests or if your child tests positive? Attached is a letter from Bromley Public Health outlining advice and their latest guidance

Due to the current restrictions, our revised Risk Assessment meant that we had to cancel our First Giving event for Y9 students. We very much hope that we can reschedule this to January and re-invite the Mayor and his wife back into College to judge the project.

A note to Y11 parents that reports have been sent out today by email with your son's mock grades and projected predicted grades. This will give you an indication of the level your son is working at and if there are areas he needs to concentrate more on to improve overall.

As a follow on, Y11 English and Maths intervention continues on a Monday and Wednesday respectively. These sessions are compulsory and your son must attend. You will hopefully see from mock grades that any extra intervention will only support and further enhance your son's potential in his exams next summer. These sessions run from 2.50pm to 3.50pm.

English and History Saturday intervention continues this week and Mr Metz will start Media Intervention from Tuesday 7 December from 2.45pm to 4.45pm. I stress the importance that all these extra sessions have been put in place in your son's best interest and I ask that you encourage your son to attend.

Y11 French GCSE speaking mocks will be held by Miss Alexiou on Thursday 9 and Friday 10 December.

Y10 Computer Science and iMedia mocks will take place in the Alan Youngman Auditorium on Tuesday 7 December 2021. This is to remind our Y10's that their GCSE's are not that far away and to give them the opportunity of taking their tests under exam conditions. Please ensure that your son takes time over the weekend to prepare and revise for this mock.

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On Thursday 9 December 2021, our Y7 Parents Evening will take place virtually on the School Cloud. All parents should now have received information via email and instructions on how to book your slots with your child's subject teachers.

On Friday 10 December 2021, the College is hosting its annual Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for "Save the Children". Please encourage your child to wear a jumper and make a donation. Please be aware that students have been informed that normal uniform must be worn with a Christmas Jumper.

We are very excited that Magic Breakfast launches on Tuesday 7 December 2021. All students will receive a toasted bagel with a topping of choice. Please remind your child that breakfast will be available from the Main Staff Room from 7.30am to 8.30am every morning. This is a great way to fuel bodies and minds for the day ahead!

A reminder to any parent interested in joining our Governing Body please ensure that you complete your Nominations Form and return to Margo Sweeney via margo.sweeney@kernal-tkat.org by Thursday 9 December 2021. I attach for your ease of reference the letter giving details that was sent out last week.

We believe that communicating with parents is fundamental in supporting your child at school and we are always looking at new ways on how we can improve that. We therefore ask for parents to complete the attached google link <https://forms.gle/pp3iYVwRYeVaZvmU8> in order for us to hear how you feel we could do better.

A reminder to parents that the College has an **INSET Day on Monday 6 December 2021** and is therefore closed to all students.

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

Yours faithfully



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