



**Kemnal  
Technology  
College**

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Dear Parents/Carers

### **WEEKLY UPDATE**

I hope you all enjoyed the half term break.

Next Monday (8 November) sees the start of Y11 Mock Exams. All students have been given their mock timetable and this is also on the website for parents to access. Please encourage your son to revise at home and use the Kemnal Keys in each of his subjects to test his knowledge. Mocks will continue up until Friday 19 November 2021.

Y11 students have also been provided with a Revision Support Booklet. This is invaluable as all teachers have contributed to ensure that it outlines subject support, strategies and tips for revision techniques as well as dealing with exam pressures and external support via Bromley Wellbeing. We are well aware the pressure any exam, be it mocks or GCSE's, can have on students so as a way to support our Y11's to be "mock ready" we have given them this booklet which they can go refer to at all times. We have also issued a pencil case to every Y11 student as well as revision stationery to ensure they are fully prepared for the start of their exams. We wish them all the very best and encourage them to do well. Please ensure that your son uses this Booklet as it will support him through his mocks and the run up to his summer GCSE's. For ease of reference, the Revision Support Booklet is also attached to this letter and is available to view on the website.

Just a reminder that Y11 Science Intervention continues to take place every morning from 8.00am. Any Y11 student who attends, is entitled to a complimentary breakfast from the canteen. Again, please encourage your son to attend these sessions in order to access the specialist support from Science Teachers.

Y10 Parents Evening takes place on Thursday 11 November 2021 from 4.00pm – 6.00pm online. All parents should have received an email via the School Cloud App. This is a great opportunity for parents to discuss with your son's subject teachers his progress and any other issues or concerns you may have.

Next week our Y9's will be holding events to raise money for their chosen charities for their First Give project. They have been working hard in their PSHE classes to raise awareness to social issues by researching many charities in the local area. There will be a cake sale on Wednesday 10 November and Friday 12 November 2021 and all students are encouraged to support these charities by purchasing cakes.

This week, all form groups have taken part in discussions on students who have nut allergies and the importance of promoting that our College is "nut free". Students are now aware that they should not bring in snacks containing nuts and I ask that parents support this. As we have a number of students with allergies and in order to safeguard and protect them I ask whether you can ensure that snacks you give your child do not contain nuts. I have attached the leaflet that was given to every Form group this week. This has also been placed on our school website in the News section.

Can I also remind parents that we are a Mobile Free School. Therefore, all phones can be on site but out of sight. Phones are to remain in bags/blazers and at all times are to be switched off for the duration of the school day. Phones that are confiscated will require parents to attend the school to collect. They will not be given back to the student.

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Whilst we can appreciate that social media can be a great resource and we actively encourage our students to use this positively, we are unfortunately becoming more aware that some students are using social media negatively outside of school. Please can you ensure that the “groups” your child is in are age suitable and do not endorse threatening or aggressive behaviour.

In school, students are regularly educated on e-safety and know how to behave and converse online. I ask parents to monitor or check to see what your child is accessing and whether you feel it appropriate. I strongly encourage that you discuss this with your child and if you view anything that is harmful, negative or offensive please report this to the police either by calling 101 or online at <https://www.police.uk/pt/contact-the-police/report-a-crime-incident/>

Safer Schools are holding an online Safety Workshop for all TKAT (the College’s Trust) parents and carers on Thursday 11 November 2021. Parents can register at <https://oursaferschools.co.uk/tkat-parents-evening/> and fundamental topics such as understanding the key issues in relation to online risks, enhancing knowledge of how young people engage and use social media platforms, exploring how the Safer Schools App can help you keep children in your care safer online, facilitating conversations around risks, screen time and addiction and accessing support when you need it. A number of themes such as Influencers, Live-streaming, Gaming, Sharing Images and Bullying will also be covered.

As a College, we are very aware that students have missed out on a lot of learning time and while we are working on closing those gaps, we are always looking for new platforms and opportunities that our students will benefit from. We have teamed together with Eedi, which is a Maths online tutoring platform, where students can access unlimited self-paced lessons, guided review videos and interactive questions to help improve their grades in Maths. For any parent interested in this site the details to register are <https://eedi.com/school-league>. Teachers will also be able to monitor a student’s work and give specific feedback. We do believe that this tool will support and give confidence to your child.

Next week sees the start of Chemistry Week after school in 1.4 from 3.00 to 4.00pm. The Science Department have a number of exciting events planned from Candle Making, a Rainbow Flame Show and making Bath Bombs. This is on a first come, first served basis so if your child is interested please ensure they attend on time.

Next Friday (12 November) Dr Oguike is running a Science Fair. Student have been informed and have registered their interest to take part. I look forward to reporting back on this and please follow us on Twitter @KemnalTC to keep updated on how the day goes.

To remind parents that if you need any more LFT’s, please contact the school. We ask that parents continue to test regularly in order to keep our school community safe.

As always, thank you for your support, keep safe, keep well and have a great weekend!

Yours faithfully



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