

14th July 2017

Dear Offer-holders,

It was excellent to see so many of you at our academic induction day last week; for those that couldn't make it, I wanted to reassure you that your offer with KAA remains valid until the end of enrolment day, which is the same as GCSE results day. Below is some information about enrolment and the start of the new academic year.

Enrolment Day - Thursday 24 August

We are enrolling all students formally on the day you get your GCSE results. Hopefully, this will be an extremely easy process, and will take only a little of your time. First, please go to your current school and pick up your results. Once you have done that, please come to us. We will be **open from 9.30**, will confirm some details, take a copy of your results, take your photo and give you some essential information for September. Please remember it is **essential** that you bring your **statement of results**.

Location for enrolment

As our own building is inaccessible, we will be based in Notting Hill Prep School (95 Lancaster Road, London W11 1QQ) for enrolment. This is just the other side of Ladbrooke Grove from KAA, next to North Kensington library.

Change of subjects

If you want to change your subjects, or discuss anything in light of your results, you will have the chance to do so as soon as you come in. It's possible there might be a bit of a wait, in which case we will give you a time to come back.

Even at this stage, your subject choices are not set in stone. One of our main focuses over the first four weeks of the Lower Sixth is to ensure every student is on the right course, and there will be some swapping. Of course, the later you leave a change, the harder it becomes both to catch up on missed work and to fit you into another class. Early is good, even if correct is more important.

Missed offer

If you have missed your offer, come and talk to us. We will be as reasonable as possible. The more information you can give us, the better, including a breakdown of the marks in the subject where you have missed your offer; missing by a couple of marks is clearly a different proposition to missing by a whole grade.

Waiting list / late applications

If you are on the waiting list or made a late application, we still want to see you, but we would ask that you come in after 2pm. By this stage, we should have a fair idea of whether we have space or not. It's possible we might have to defer a decision until Friday, but we won't keep you hanging around, and will confirm whether you have a place or not before the weekend.

Absent on enrolment day

If you are not able to come on enrolment day, please let us know; email Mr Pavey directly. If you are away, or are in some way prevented from coming in on the day, please do ring or email. Please be

aware that we are likely to be very busy, so emails may not get answered until Friday. If you enrol by phone or email, this will be provisional until we have seen your statement of results.

Validity of offer

As you know, we have had around 500 applications for our Sixth Form for next year; we are also likely to get a further 50 to 100 late applicants who turn up on enrolment day. We will hold your place until **4pm on enrolment day**; after that, in fairness to other candidates, we will need to offer places to others. If for some reason you are not able to communicate with us on the day, and you still want to take up your place, we will of course do our best to find you a place. We cannot, however, guarantee that there will still be space if you have not been in touch before **4pm on Thursday 24 August**.

Start of the new academic year

Because our own building remains inaccessible, we have had to make some changes to the start of the new year. Our return to school is delayed by a week, until Friday 8th September. We will have an induction day, hopefully at Google's headquarters in King's Cross. Transport will be provided from KAA to Google, or students can make their own way there if more convenient. Further details of this will be provided at enrolment.

Oxford residential

The first week of school will be a residential week based in Hertford College, Oxford, during which we will start our year 12 teaching, do some induction activities and also take advantage of some of the fantastic opportunities that being based in the heart of Oxford University offers.

I would much prefer to be starting the new year in our own building, but given that this will not be possible, I cannot think of a more exciting and special way to begin the Sixth Form than a week in Oxford University. More details will be provided on enrolment day, and there will be a parents' information event on Thursday 7th September, in the week before the residential.

Temporary school

We will return to our own building when the time is right; this means that the tower needs to be wrapped, and we need to be certain that the demolition can happen without risk to our students. In the meantime, we will be in temporary buildings, which will be located just behind Burlington Danes. While this is not ideal, many schools have not only survived, but thrived in temporary accommodation while building work is carried out. In the local area, both Holland Park and Chelsea Academy have achieved outstanding results while in temporary buildings. KAA has the strength in its ethos, in its staff and in its students to come out of this period stronger. We have seen this resilience in the fact that we have only missed 2 days of school in the whole period since the fire, and all public exams have been sat on time.

Bridging work

At the academic induction day last Friday, we handed out bridging work. This is work that is set over the summer holiday to ensure that all our students begin the year in the right way, and in a similar place. All the bridging work is on our website, arranged by department in the Sixth Form section: <http://www.kensingtonaldridgeacademy.co.uk/sixth-form/bridging-work/>



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We expect all our students to complete this work, and it will form a central part of our first week's learning in the new year. Your new head of department will be happy to answer questions you may have about it; all their names and email addresses are on the bridging work page. Over the summer, they will be checking their emails occasionally, but please do not expect an instant response, as they may be away on holiday.

I look forward to seeing you in August, and in the meantime, I wish you all a very restful summer,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Rob Pavey'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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