

Monday 4th March 2019

RE: The Choir documentary

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well. You may remember that in 2018 KAA worked with choirmaster Gareth Malone and the BBC to put on a concert to mark the return of KAA to our original building. The concert was written by the students themselves, with Gareth's help, and seen by over 400 parents when it was performed in November last year. Students worked extremely hard in the run up to the event and the end product was uplifting, poignant and an important event for the school. I am very grateful to all the parents who came to see it on the night or supported it in other ways.

Time flies, and the BBC are shortly to broadcast the documentary that tells the story of the concert. It will be in two parts, with the first episode focused on the summer term when we were still at the temporary school (broadcast Monday 11th March) and the second episode focused on the autumn term when we were back at KAA and preparing for the concert (broadcast Monday 18th March). Both episodes are on BBC2 at 9pm. The programmes are led by the students who come over as the intelligent, determined, kind and mature young people that we all know them to be. This letter is just intended to let you know the programmes will shortly be broadcast; I wouldn't want you to see it on TV and not have heard directly from the school first that this is due to happen.

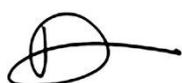
I'm hoping that the programme will be well received and a big positive for the school, as it showcases the talent and resilience of our wonderful students and how the school has held together in a post-Grenfell environment. However, if any parent does have concerns or questions once they see it I would be grateful if they would let me know personally via info@kaa.org.uk. I would of course be very happy to talk with people to hear their views and answer any questions.

On an unrelated note, I will be writing with a full update on all school matters at the end of this spring term, including to discuss the recent parent survey (my thanks to all those who completed it) and to advertise some Parent Q&A events we will be hosting for all parents at the start of the summer term. A reminder also about the remaining Parents Evenings this year (parent and student attendance at these is very important):

- Year 8 Progress Meetings - Thursday 2nd May, 4.30pm-7.30pm
- Year 9 Progress Meetings - Thursday 9th May, 4.30pm-7.30pm

Thank you again to everyone for their support with The Choir programme and for those of you who see it I hope you enjoy.

With best wishes,



David Benson
Principal