

Monday 24th August 2020

Re: Year 7 Induction & Start of Term

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope that you and your family have enjoyed a safe summer break. I am now writing to you following Mr Benson's letter of 15th July and ahead of the beginning of the academic year to confirm the arrangements regarding Year 7 induction in September.

KAA2 Tour – Wednesday 26th August

As mentioned in Mr Benson's letter in July, **all students are returning to school in September** and there will be adjustments we need to make to ensure students and their families, as well as our staff, are kept safe. The major adjustment is that, in order to keep a full curriculum and allow maximum social distancing, **Year 7 & 8 will be based at our temporary "KAA2" site**. This arrangement will carry on until government guidance changes, at which point we will bring them back to KAA1 – current indications are that this could be from Easter 2021. We appreciate that parents may want to visit the site ahead of the beginning of term, and all Year 7 & 8 parents are **invited to a full tour of KAA2 at 5pm on Wednesday 26th August, shortly before term starts**.

The address for the temporary school is: KAA2, Scrubs Lane, London, W12 0HU. A map is provided in the FAQs below to show where KAA2 is in relation to the KAA1 building.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Our thanks to those parents who attended our Parent Q&As in July. We have provided a series of FAQs which may be helpful to those who were not able to attend these events. This also includes information about your child's uniform, equipment, and induction day.

Attendance & Quarantine

Attendance at school every day is now compulsory, absence without legitimate reason will be treated as unauthorised. Being present at school every day is essential in ensuring that your child has the best possible start to secondary school. We are committed to providing them with a safe and happy experience in Year 7, but require your support in making sure that their attendance is 100%.

We know that many parents have chosen not to travel abroad this summer, or to cut short their holidays, in order to avoid their children missing any more school. We very much hope therefore that no student will need to miss school as a result of quarantine measures. If any parent wants specific advice on this

question, please email me at m.reed@kaa.org.uk. In the regrettable event that a student is quarantined and can't attend at the start of term, we would require evidence of international travel in order to authorise any absence. The main message is, as the government have explained, there is no risk free option for international travel at present. KAA students only have one chance for their education and 100% attendance should always be top priority.

Year 7 Induction Day

We look forward to seeing all of Year 7 at KAA2 for their induction day on **Thursday 3rd September at 8.40am**. This will be an exciting day during which students will meet their Director of Learning, form tutor and Head of House. They will spend the day in their form groups, familiarizing themselves with each other and their surroundings. Friday 4th September will be a second induction day, with subject lessons starting from Monday 7th September.

A reminder that Year 7 students must attend in full school uniform and must bring a full set of equipment. For further detail on uniform and equipment, please see the FAQs below.

We would also like to gently remind you that students should bring their completed Director of Learning Challenge to the first induction day. We hope that students have enjoyed completing this and can't wait their work! More information about the Director of Learning Challenge can be found here: <https://sites.google.com/kaa.org.uk/y6transition/dol>.

Thank you to all parents for your support through this unusual Year 6 transition, which we know has been challenging for both students and parents. If you have any further questions about KAA2 or the start of the year for your child, please do not hesitate to get in touch via email at info@kaa.org.uk or by calling 0207 313 5800. We look forward to meeting our new Year 7 students very soon and hope that they enjoy the rest of their summer break.

With best wishes,

M. Reed

Ms M Reed
Director of Learning Year 7

FAQs for Year 7 Parents

Which items of school uniform does my child need?

We have been advised by our School Uniform Supplier that they have lower numbers of parents making appointments at the store than expected. Please do **book your appointment** at <https://www.schooluniformdirect.co.uk/pages/FulhamBookingPage> as soon as possible to ensure you have your child's uniform in time for the start of term.

The address of the school uniform shop is: School Uniform Direct, 343 North End Road (opposite Co-Op and near to Superdrug), London, SW6 INN

<u>Girls Uniform</u>	<u>Boys Uniform</u>
White shirt/blouse	White shirt
KAA house tie (<i>you do not need to purchase this in advance as your child will be given their temporary tie on their first day & you will be charged via ParentPay for a house tie when students return to KAA I</i>)	KAA house tie (<i>you do not need to purchase this in advance as your child will be given their temporary tie on their first day & you will be charged via ParentPay for a house tie when students return to KAA I</i>)
KAA burgundy jumper with logo	KAA burgundy jumper with logo
KAA grey blazer with logo	KAA grey blazer with logo
KAA grey tartan kilt style skirt or grey trousers	Grey trousers
Black tights or black or white socks	Black or dark grey socks
KAA PE sports polo shirt – navy and sky blue	KAA PE sports polo shirt – navy and sky blue
KAA mid-layer PE top	KAA mid-layer PE top
KAA PE skort or shorts	KAA PE shorts
KAA PE microfiber tracksuit bottoms	KAA PE microfiber tracksuit bottoms
KAA school bag	KAA school bag
Non-marking PE trainers	Non-marking PE trainers
KAA football socks – navy and sky blue	KAA football socks – navy and sky blue
KAA PE drawstring bag	KAA PE drawstring bag
KAA rain jacket with logo (optional)	KAA rain jacket with logo (optional)
KAA reversible fleece jacket (optional)	KAA reversible fleece jacket (optional)

What equipment will my child need?

Students should have the following equipment with them every day at school. It is extremely important your child has their own equipment by Thursday 3rd September as they will not be able to share equipment at school:

- 1 x clear pencil case with the following contents:
 - 2 x black or blue writing pens
 - 1 x green writing pen
 - 2 x highlighter pens
 - 2 x sharpened pencils
 - 1x rubber

- 1 x 12-inch ruler
- 1 x pair of compasses
- 1 x protractor
- 1 x Casio Scientific calculator
- Current reading book (students will visit the library during their induction)
- Student planner (provided to students during their induction)
- 1 x water bottle – full
- Books/folders for that day
- PE Kit (on days with PE or Dance on your child's timetable)

What are the term dates for 2020-21?

Our full term dates are available on our website at <https://kaa.org.uk/students-parents/term-dates/>.

What time does school start for my child each morning?

The school day will begin at 8.40am and finish at 3.50pm for Year 7 whilst they are at KAA2.

Where is KAA2?

The address for the temporary school is KAA2, Scrubs Lane, London, W12 0HU.



Will there be food available for my child at lunch time and how will they pay for it?

Breakfast club and lunch will be available for students as usual, in designated year group dining spaces. Breakfast is provided free for all students each morning from 8am. Lunch can be purchased via Parent Pay; the finance team will shortly be emailing individual parent login details to you. Lunch on the induction days on Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September will be free of charge as the biometric accounts are set up for students as part of the induction process.

Will there be enrichment clubs for my child after school?

We will run enrichment as usual, though clubs will be run in year groups rather than vertically across all years. Further details about the enrichment activities on offer will be advertised to students and parents at the beginning of term. Enrichment clubs run from 3.50pm until 4.30pm or 5pm after school from Monday to Thursday.

Will Year 7 students be assisted in walking over to KAA2?

If you believe your child can walk to KAA2 or you will be dropping them off yourself, then there is no need to contact us. If you think your child would like to use the daily “walking bus” (where a teacher would meet students at an agreed location near KAA1 to walk in a group over to KAA2 in the morning) then please complete this form so we can understand if there is a demand for this (Walking Bus Survey: <https://forms.gle/kpTXKkt8M6DC2GSF9>).

Can parents share school drop off if we have students at both KAA buildings?

Parents are welcome to organise shared school runs between themselves, but unfortunately we cannot organise this centrally for safeguarding reasons.

Why can't the older students be based at KAA2?

For reasons relating to the design of the overall school timetable and the GCSE and A Level exam requirements, it makes better educational sense for Y7 & 8 to be based at KAA2, as opposed to other year groups. We also believe there may be some social and cultural advantages to keeping the younger students together like this, at least for a period of time.

SEN Questions

Parents of children with EHCP plans who have specific questions should contact our SENCO Ms Hatchett on e.hatchett@kaa.org.uk (or Ms Donaldson our Head of Grandin Centre for Grandin Centre students at j.donaldson@kaa.org.uk). Mr Dumigan, our Assistant Principal for Inclusion, is also available to answer parent questions at n.dumigan@kaa.org.uk