

3 September 2020

Year 10 Welcome Back

Dear Year 10 Student & Parents,

I hope you and your families are well.

I am really looking forward to welcoming you all back to KAA on Monday morning. We have an exciting year ahead as you will reconnect with your peers and teachers, and begin your GCSE courses. In preparation for this, there are a few key points I wanted to remind you of, so that every Year 10 student feels ready to return to school on Monday.

Monday morning

I am sure that you have also closely read the letter on how KAA has prepared to be a Covid secure school from Niall Dumigan, one of our Assistant Principals, yesterday. I wanted to take this opportunity to emphasise a few key messages for Year 10:

- Attendance at school is compulsory for all students.
- Year 10 will be in their own 'bubble' and cannot come into contact with other year 'bubbles' in school
- Year 10 have a 'zone' where their classrooms and social spaces are located
- Year 10 must enter the school building between **8.00 - 8:30am at the community entrance**. Breakfast club will be available during this time. Students who arrive after 08:30am are late.
- The first two lessons on Monday morning will be **assembly and induction**. As part of this, please be assured that all students will have a full induction into the Covid-secure expectations of our academy and be introduced to their zone in the school. It is essential that all students hear these important messages. **You will begin lessons from period 3.**

If you have been abroad since the 24th August, please ensure that you have checked that the country you have visited is not on the Government quarantine list. In the regrettable event that a student is quarantined and can't attend at the start of term, email me and our Attendance Officer, Loretta Bleau (l.bleau@kaa.org.uk), with evidence of international

travel in order to authorise any absence. As Mr. Benson explained in his letter last week, KAA students only have one chance for their education and 100% attendance should always be top priority.

Friday preparation

As Year 10 are returning to school later than other year groups, it is important that they make the most of this additional time to prepare for the year ahead.

Task one: complete the checklist attached to this email to ensure your uniform and equipment are ready for Monday

Task two: Finish your summer bridging work. Bridging work for all your subjects - English, Maths, Science and your 4 options subjects, must be completed ready to hand in on Monday. The bridging work pack is attached to this email for your reference. If you are struggling to access your Google classrooms, please complete the work from the bridging work pack on paper or Google documents instead. Your teachers will be happy to accept the work in this format instead. Remember that you are starting your GCSE courses and may have new teachers – this is an excellent opportunity to make a good start to year 10. If you have any concerns, please do let me know.

Best wishes,



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