

Y9 Welcome Back

Dear Year 9 Student and Parents,

I hope you and your families are well.

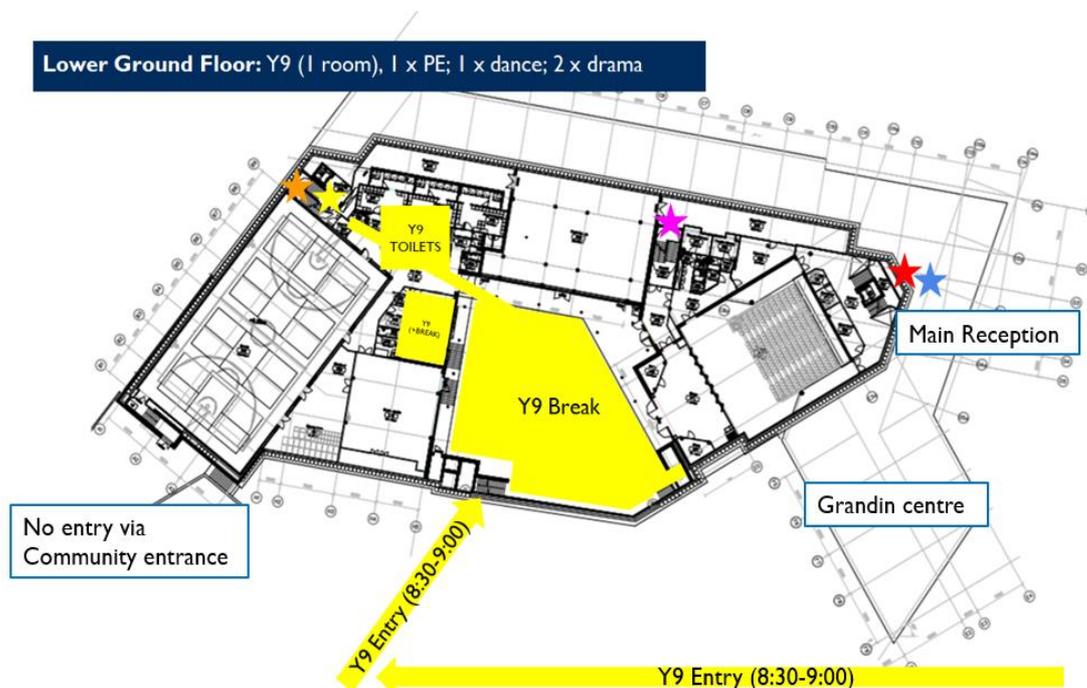
I am really looking forward to welcoming you all back to KAA on Monday morning. We have an exciting year ahead as you will reconnect with your peers and teachers, move forwards with your learning and prepare to choose your GCSE options. In preparation for this, there are a few key points I wanted to remind you of, so that every Year 9 student feels ready to return to school on Monday.

Please note that attendance on Monday morning is compulsory for all students and it is vital that they attend so that they do not miss out on vital induction information.

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 9:

- Year 9 will be in their own 'bubble' on the **Ground and Lower Ground floors of KAA1**.
- Year 9 will enter the school building between **8.30-9am**. Breakfast club will be available during this time. Please note that any student arriving after this time will be required to sign in at Main Reception.
- Year 9 will enter the building via the **playground gate**. Please note that this must only be accessed from the **Main Reception side of school**, as Year 10 will be using the community entrance at this time. The route to access this is shown below:



- Your 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. **You will begin lessons from period 3.**

In advance of returning to school, please can I ask all parents/carers to review this information and the checklist attached with their child to ensure they are fully prepared.

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), 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 9 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. Year 9 students have high aspirations and are excited for the opportunity to choose their options. As such, Year 9 students are encouraged to spend Friday engaging with the preparation activities. These activities will help you understand the options and careers that will develop your current interests. Please ensure that you engage with them; the Year 9 Preparation pack is attached to this letter.

Best wishes,

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