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KS3 'Live Teaching'

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are keeping well in these uncertain times.

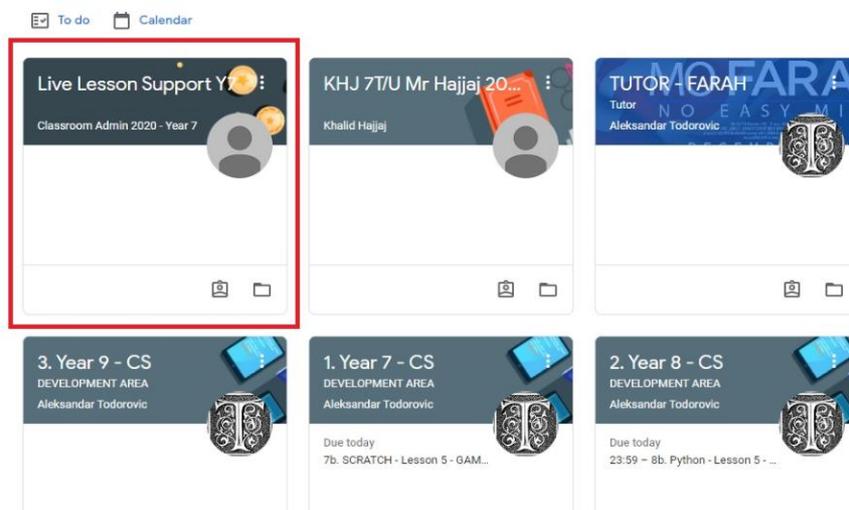
I am writing today, to share some the opportunities available at KAA for KS3 students to access 'live' online activities and support over the next few weeks.

The Prime Minister has now announced that students will not be physically returning to school until 8th March at the earliest. Given this, and the helpful feedback we received from parents via our recent **home learning survey** (thank you), we wanted to make you aware of the following opportunities:

Live Lesson Support

During each of their timetabled **English, maths** and **science** lessons, students will now be able to access live teacher help and support should they need it. During these 11 weekly lessons, a subject specialist teacher will be 'live' on a year-group Google Meet so students can ask questions about the work or access help to complete it.

Students should still access their lesson work in the same way as before and are expected to hand it in each day, as usual. If, however, students find they need help during the lesson, they can now click on the '**Live Lesson Support**' classroom (see below) to speak to a teacher. Non-completion of work will still be followed up and recorded in the same way, however we think this support will mean far fewer students struggle when the work is difficult, or they need help.



This support is being offered for all **Core** subject lessons in all year groups. In some cases, support is also being offered in other subject areas. Students should contact their teachers directly if they would like to know more about when and where this is.

"Go Live" Virtual Enrichment

We are also running a timetable of live virtual enrichment activities for all students, in years 7-9. These are a great opportunity for students to take part in fun sessions, meet with their peers and speak to their teachers face-to-face. Sessions are varied and include things like fitness, chess club and KAA Choir. Many of these sessions have been

happening across the course of this term – however we have now brought them together in a weekly timetable. This should help students and parents see what is on offer and what they would like to take part in.

The timetable will be updated weekly and can be found on KAA Online here:

<https://sites.google.com/a/kaa.org.uk/kaa-student-portal/enrichment>

Parents can view the timetable without logging in on their child's account by visiting our website here:

<https://kaa.org.uk/students-parents/kaahome-remote-learning/>

Please note: to view the live Google Meet links your child needs to access the live timetable via the KAA Online link.

Reading

There is a weekly Virtual Book Club for students in all year groups. Details of this can be found on the above timetable, or by contacting our school librarian on j.garcia@kaa.org.uk

Form Tutor Weekly Meets

The pastoral team are offering a range of live sessions that students can access each week. In most cases, form groups meet twice a week – some of this is to share information and some is for more relaxed, fun activities.

For example; year groups are completing 'Kahoot' form competitions, virtual quizzes, some have completed virtual scavenger hunts and online games. This time offers vital well-being support, but also continues the daily tasks students would have been completing, were they in school – such as the important Y9 Options process. It is essential that **all students** join these Meets so they do not miss out on either element.

Most of the Form Tutor Meets take place in the Monday, Wednesday or Friday timetabled Tutor slots – between 12:10 and 13:00. Students should contact their Form Tutor or Director of Learning for exact times however, as some do vary.

House Competitions

The passionate race to win the KAA House Cup continues, even while students are learning at home. We are offering a range of events that allow students to participate in this race and contribute to their house points tally. Events are advertised in the weekly DoL emails and this half-term include a Code-Breaking Challenge, the House Drama competition and Ready, Steady, Cook @ Home. Although not all live, these activities still allow students to stay connected to their classmates and teachers, as well as giving them interesting projects to carry out at home.

We do hope that students are able to access as many of these 'live' events as possible across the course of each week. They give students the opportunity to stay in touch with their peers, speak to their teachers every day and keep their Intrepidus spirit going!

It goes without saying that virtual group events require impeccable behaviour and maturity from all students, at all times. We expect to see this from any student that takes part in such events – to achieve this we encourage them to have cameras on and use chat functions sensibly - as we know the vast majority do.

Thank you once again for all of your support in these unpredictable times, and always. Your survey feedback was immensely helpful and I hope the opportunities outlined above provide more of the 'live' contact that we know all of our students need.

Best wishes,



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