

21 April 2021

Summer Term Principal's Update

Dear Parents & Carers,

I'm writing with a few updates for the start of this exciting summer term.

KAA2

For the final half term of this year - Wednesday 9th June to Friday 16th July - Y11 and Y13 students will not be attending school every day, and instead come in occasionally for assessments and progression sessions. **This means we will have significantly more classroom space at KAA1, so assuming no unforeseen events, we will be able to safely bring Y7&8 students back for the last six weeks of the year.**

For this half term, students will continue to learn at KAA2. We will talk to them in the course of the coming weeks about the move back, and each student will be given the chance to spend a day here in May for orientation. This will help them get used to finding their way around the building, for example.

More detail on this to follow nearer the time, but I thought you would all want to know straight away. Miss Jordan, our Senior Vice Principal, is handling the move back, and she will host a virtual Q&A session for any parent who has queries at 6pm on Thursday 20th May (we will share link nearer the time).

Behaviour & Covid Expectations

It's more important than ever that we maintain high expectations this term, given the disruption to the curriculum earlier in the year and the end of year exams in June and July that lessons are now building towards. Students should attend every day and always be on time; stay focused and work hard in lessons; complete all homework and make sure uniform and equipment are perfect; and be courteous and polite when interacting with each other and their teachers. From a Covid perspective, we are required to continue following government guidance around mask wearing and other restrictions until further notice.

I'm very grateful for parents' continued support with these expectations. We do have a very high bar for behaviour at KAA, and students benefit a great deal from this emphasis on discipline. If your child ever makes a mistake and receives a detention, please encourage them to learn from the experience and avoid repeating the error in the future. Thank you.

Enrichment

I'm delighted to say that after school enrichment has resumed and 350 students have signed up for at least one club, with many taking more. Enrichments span all years – from BMX in Y7 to Politics Society in Y12 – and will bring a range of benefits to your children. Please talk to them about what they have chosen, and emphasise the importance of attending on time each week. If your child didn't sign up for an enrichment then please ask them to consider doing so in the future – they stand to gain so much from this co-

curricular offer. You can view the full range of enrichments currently on offer here:
<https://kaa.org.uk/teaching-learning/enrichment/>.

Key Summer Term Dates

Year Group	Date	Time
Year 9 Parents' Evening	Tuesday 27 th April	4.30pm-7.30pm
Year 10 Parents' Evening	Tuesday 11 th May	4.30pm-7.30pm
Half Term Holiday	Monday 31 st May – Tuesday 8 th June	All week
Year 8 Parents' Evening	Thursday 10 th June	4.30pm-7.30pm
Y7 & Y10 End of Year Exams	Monday 21 st June – Friday 25 th June	All week
Year 7 Parents' Evening	Thursday 24 th June	4.30pm-7.30pm
Y8, Y9 & Y12 End of Year Exams	Monday 28 th June – Friday 2 nd July	All week
Performing Arts Showcase	Tuesday 6 th July	6pm-8pm
6F Induction Day for Offer Holders	Tuesday 13 th July	9am-3pm
Sports Day	Wednesday 14 th July	9am-4pm
Final Day of Term (half day)	Friday 16 th July	8.30am-12.30pm

Kind regards,



David Benson
Principal