

31 August 2021

## 2021-22 School Year Parent Update

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you have had a restful summer and are looking forward to the term ahead. I'd be grateful if you could take the time to read these important updates below.

### Return to School

Different year groups return on different days, to allow for a smoothest possible start. Students must arrive for 8.30am please. All students are now based at KAA1 - we are not using KAA2 this year.

- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Years 7 & 12
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Years 7 & 12 *and* Years 8 & 9
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September – All students return to school

### New Students Joining – Year 7 & Year 12

We are excited to welcome our new Year 7s, and also the many new students joining Year 12. Please note new students should;

- Enter via the Main Entrance
- Year 7 should arrive between 8.00 and 8.30am, and Year 12 between 8.30 and 8.55am
- Be in full school uniform (Year 7) and business dress (Year 12)
- Have all their school equipment – pens, pencil case etc – with them
- For Year 7, there is no need to wear a tie, as House ties will be issued and paid for via Parent Pay

### Timings of the School Day

Students in Year 7 – 11 should arrive between 8.00am and 8.30am each day. Students in the Sixth Form may arrive slightly later – any time between 8.00 and 8.55. All years finish at 3.50pm, with Enrichment and Intervention taking place from 4.00pm to 5.00pm. We have an early finish on Fridays, with students leaving at 2.55pm.

### Breakfast Club

All students can enjoy a hot breakfast at KAA, entirely free of charge. The menus for Breakfast Club have been updated for this year, and I would encourage all parents to speak to their child about attending. The food is delicious, and it's a great opportunity to see friends and meet new people before school, as well as finish any work or speak to the teachers, TAs and mentors who also attend. Breakfast is served from 8.00am – we look forward to seeing students there.

### Detention

Based on a review of last year, and considering responses to our recent parent survey, we have adjusted the timings of after school detentions. Instead of running detentions for 30, 60 or 90 minutes (depending on severity), the new timings are 30, 45 or 60 minutes. A “60” is now a “45”, and a “90” a “60”. No other changes have been made besides this, and detentions still begin at 4pm.

## PE Kit

We are reverting to our normal systems for PE kit (we had adjusted due to Covid). This means students need to arrive in school uniform each day, and they can change into kit for PE or Dance here at school, prior to the lesson.

## School ties

We are back on the *striped house ties* now – please do not send students in with the solid colour ties we used last year due to Covid. Thank you. If you need to purchase a new house tie you can do so via our [school uniform shop](#).

## Parent Pay

Please top up your child's Parent Pay for the term ahead – this is best done online at the [Parent Pay website](#). Login details for new Year 7 and Year 12 students will be sent to parents by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Lunch for students in Year 7 will be free of charge on their induction days on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to allow time for parents to register their Parent Pay accounts. Please ensure you register your child's account by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September and top up – thanks.

## Free School Meals

A number of parents who are eligible for Free School Meals in Kensington & Chelsea are not currently claiming. This means they are spending money they don't have to, and schools are missing out on extra funding. If you think your child is eligible for Free School Meals please apply online at [www.fsm.lgfl.net](http://www.fsm.lgfl.net). If you have any problems please call 0207 313 5800, email [info@kaa.org.uk](mailto:info@kaa.org.uk), or come to Reception and we can help.

The website should give you an answer quickly - if the outcome says you are not eligible, but you have evidence of your entitlement to FSM, please email [info@kaa.org.uk](mailto:info@kaa.org.uk) for further assistance.

**Please note that even if a student received free school meals in primary school, a new application for secondary school must be made.**

## School photographs

New students joining Year 7 and Year 12 will have their portrait photographs for their school ID taken on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September during the school day. Details of how to order your child's photograph will be made available next week.

## Parent A-Z

Please note that the majority of all queries can be answered using our Parent A-Z, this includes term dates, parent evening dates, absence reporting protocols and more. The 2021-22 Parent A-Z will be available on our website at <https://kaa.org.uk/students-parents/parent-az/> from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

If the answer to your question can't be found there or elsewhere in our recent communication or on our website, or if you are having difficulty accessing any of our online systems, please do not hesitate to get in touch via [info@kaa.org.uk](mailto:info@kaa.org.uk).

With best wishes,  
**David Benson**  
Principal