

24th January 2022

Principal's Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you've had a good start to the year. I'm writing with a few updates, further to my last email on 4th January.

Masks

Students are no longer required to wear masks in lessons, though they may still chose to do so. From Thursday, they will also not be required in communal areas. I want to thank all parents for their support with this matter so far this term – with cases as high as they have been, we needed to do everything we possibly could.

Enrichment

We are very excited to say that our Spring Term Enrichment Programme starts on Monday 31st January. Students have been issued with their timetables, so should know where to go. We have a fantastic offer of extra-curricular opportunities available this term, and thanks for your understanding over the delayed start. If your child is unsure what enrichments they have, they should check their email from earlier this month (search for "Enrichment Spring Term"), and if your child hasn't been allocated an Enrichment and you would like to enquire what is still available, please email Miss Thompson at l.thompson@kaa.org.uk.

Testing

Although cases are falling they still remain high, so please continue to have your children test twice a week, and every day if they feel at all unwell. We will issue more home tests shortly, and you can always collect a spare box from reception if you need.

Vaccination

Children aged 12 or over can get vaccinated, and this will reduce the risks of them getting ill or passing on the virus. The simplest way to get a vaccine, or a second dose, is via a vaccination centre, but we will also be offering another round at school on Tuesday 1st February. Students can only be vaccinated at school if parents give their express consent – a reminder of the recent letter explaining how you do this can be seen [here](#).

Parents Events

Lastly, I wanted to remind parents in Year 7, 9 and 11 of the upcoming events. We are very much looking forward to seeing you all there. We'd be grateful if you could complete a Covid test before you come and wear a mask when onsite. Also please be aware that given how busy we expect these events to be, conversations with teachers will need to be kept short.

- **Y7 Parents' Evening – Thursday 27th January 2022** - 4.30pm-6pm (Pankhurst & Franklin parents) / 6pm-7.30pm (Angelou & Honeyball parents)
- **Y9 GCSE Options Evening – Thursday 3rd February 2022** - 4.30pm-5.45pm (Honeyball & Franklin parents) / 5.30pm-6.45pm (Angelou & Pankhurst parents)
- **Y11 Parents' Evening – Thursday 10th February 2022** - 4.30pm-6pm (Angelou & Pankhurst parents) / 6pm-7.30pm (Franklin & Honeyball parents)

If you are unable to attend the time indicated for your child's house, you can of course attend at the later or earlier time slot.

Thanks again for all your continued support in making this term a success,



David Benson
Principal