

7th June 2024

Grenfell Anniversary

Dear Parents & Carers,

At this point in the year, the whole KAA community comes together to remember the tragic events of 14th June 2017. This year marks 7 years since the Grenfell tower fire and we will, once again, be hosting a series of school events to mark the anniversary. I wanted to write to parents to update you with details of these, and also share information about the wider community events marking this important date.

School Anniversary Events

The regular school assembly slot next week will be dedicated to an anniversary assembly led by Ryan Bernard, our Vice Principal. Some students have also asked to speak during these assemblies, and we want to thank them for their bravery and courage in putting themselves forward.

Students will be invited to wear “Green for Grenfell” as a mark of remembrance on Friday 14th June, and school uniform is not required. This can be a full green outfit, or a green T-shirt or items displaying the Grenfell heart symbol or similar. Students will complete a tutor period activity and participate in **a 72 second reflection during this session**. There will also be some optional reflection activities signposted to students during break and lunch time. Students will then be able to **visit our Grenfell Memorial Garden after school**, with KAA and therapy staff available to support students, as needed.

We understand there will be a range of emotions from our student community in and around the anniversary date. We are also very conscious that, for those students who were most affected, it could prove to be a particularly painful and upsetting period. For this reason, we are increasing the mental health support available to students during this time, and in particular next Friday.

For many students, stability and predictability is what they need most of all, during this difficult time. As such, we are expecting the normal school timetable to run as usual on that day – regardless of the uniform changes. There are also a range of GCSE and A Level exams taking place on Friday, so I’m sure parents will appreciate why we need to keep students focused on their academic priorities as much as possible, at this time.

Community Anniversary Events

The tower itself will be illuminated on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th June, as it always is at this time. The Grenfell site will be open for bereaved families, survivors, and local residents on Thursday 13th June, from 12pm-7pm, and to bereaved families and survivors **only**, on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th June. The site team have therefore requested that the academy does not use the community entrance on these dates, so we ask that **students, staff and parents enter and exit KAA only by the main reception entrance during this time**.

The Grenfell Silent Walk takes place on Friday 14th June at 6pm, meeting at the Notting Hill Methodist Church opposite the academy. All members of the community are welcome to join this event and walk together in memory of those we so sadly lost.

I want to thank all of you in advance for your support with these events – I know that, as in previous years, people will pull together to support each other through another difficult anniversary period.

Best wishes,



Anna Jordan - Principal