

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure that you will have listened with great interest to the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday Evening. You will be aware that the announcement introduced the idea of a phased re-opening of schools from the 1st of June and that along with some primary classes made reference to students facing examinations next summer. We are studying the guidance that was issued on Monday and will be in touch in due course once we have carefully considered every aspect of what has been published.

As always, our plans will be focussed on how to best maximise the effectiveness of care and teaching for our students, whilst safeguarding the health and well-being of everyone on site. This is a complex situation and I appreciate your patience while our plans develop.

Kind regards

Tina Graham.

Non Pupil Day – Friday 22nd May

Monday 1st of June has been a calendared non-pupil day at KCC for this academic year. In the light of the announcement on Sunday the date has now changed to Friday 22nd May. I am sure that you will understand the need for training days to remain part of the calendar. There will be no remote learning on this day for students and we hope that they are able to enjoy some free time.

Celebrating our students and their kindness to others

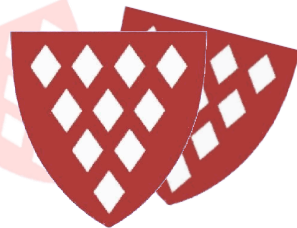
Unprecedented times such as these often bring the very best out in people and the communities in which we live. We have seen examples nationally of some incredible individual efforts to support each other through simple acts of kindness, fundraising and many more. We are very aware that our students have been involved in similar activities since the lockdown began. **We would like to thank all students for playing their part in supporting the measures in place.**

We would love to share ways in which our students have supported their community, the NHS or any other random acts of kindness. If you have any examples - however small - please send this information to your child's year leader by email. We look forward to sharing in all the positive activities that have been taking place during this lockdown period.

GCSE Pod – Training for Parents

GCSE Pod usage has rapidly increased across the College. Your child can access using their college username and password. If they have forgotten their password they can click the forgotten password link and a reset link will be sent to their college email.

If you as a parent would like an introduction or a little refresher on how to use GCSE Pod or would like to explore getting more out of GCSE Pod there is an introduction webinar today which is then repeated on Friday. To book just click the link to the right of the webinar. For more info on the webinars that are running (and to view samples of the ones that have ran so far) click here - <https://www.gcsepod.com/news-gcse-learning-revision/podup-presents-webinars/>



PARENT WEBINAR - Introduction to GCSEPod

May 13th 17:00:00 https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UlwWCH1NR6mA-pv_HyZgSg

May 15th 12:30:00 https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_D8c9SAfqQHyW2hBHXpMV0A

Shape of the Day Proposal

Thank you to all the students who have taken part in the consultation around the new Shape of the Day. The survey will close this week but students still have a day or two to have their say. Please refer to the previous letter which outlined how to take part in the survey.

Sixth Form Reminders

Year 11 Bridging Work

A huge number of Year 11s have been accessing and engaging with the bridging work prepared in Google Classrooms and on SMHW - A great effort from Year 11! Remember there is something for everyone just get in touch with Miss Pring if you are unsure. For students entering the Sixth Form, the work in the Google classrooms is compulsory - speak to subject teachers if you need support with this. For students not continuing into the Sixth Form, please complete some Maths and English on SMHW and any other activities you choose! We would love to see what you have been up to- so do send us examples, I have prizes for students showing impressive effort.

Year 12 Diagnostic Assessments

The Diagnostic Assessments will take place next week for all Year 12 courses, and as stated previously, will be placed on SMHW on Monday 18th May with a submission date for Friday 22nd. Students may decide when they complete the assessments, but they must have their best go at completing them. This will help students and teachers to plan forward and see where strengths and knowledge/understanding gaps are. Any concerns or questions should be directed to subject teachers who will be available to support and respond this week. No Skype lessons or other assignments will take place during Assessment week.

Online Safety at Home

Please find below links to the OnlineSafetyAtHome packs from the CEOP Education Team. The packs contain activities for parents and carers to use at home in two age groups 11-13, 14+.

The [new ParentInfo article](#) new signposts parents and carers to reporting, advice and support services available for children and their families. Two new [Parent Info](#) articles explore how parents and carers can support their child's mental health, and highlight things they can do to manage the wellbeing challenges of family life under lockdown:

[Home activity packs](#)

[Child online safety during lockdown](#)

[Where can your child get mental health support during lockdown?](#)

[Surviving family life under lockdown](#)