



18 December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It would seem that much can change in 24 hours in education. Fresh from writing my newsletter home yesterday, I now find that I must write to you again to lay out the announcements of changes to our January start which I received at 18:22 last night.

The announcements broadly follow two paths – our return in January and new rapid testing which will be available in schools.

Return in January

Kings has a calendared INSET day on Monday 4th January, where the school will be closed for all students. This arrangement will continue as published.

Year 11

From Tuesday 5th January until Friday 8th January, Year 11 lessons will remain on site unaltered. For them, the entirety of timetabled lessons, expectations of uniform, attendance and punctuality remain the same. We will look forward to seeing them and continuing to help them in this important examination year.

Years 7 – 10

For students in Years 7 – 10, our educational provision will be online. Lessons will be accessed on the SLE (Student Learning Environment) which is accessed via the Student Hub on the 'Students' tab on our website. All students have been shown how to access this and have their usernames and passwords. If there are any issues here, please contact networkhelpdesk@kingscollegeguildford.com.

Students will be expected to log in and watch the videos prepared by their teachers according to the timetable below. They will be expected to complete their work in exercise books, ready to show their teachers when they return on Monday 11th January.

	Tues 5 th January	Wed 6 th January	Thurs 7 th January	Fri 8 th January
Year 7	English, RE	Science, History	Maths, Creative Carousel subject	Geography, Languages
Year 8	Science, History	Maths, RE	Geography, Languages	English, Creative Carousel subject
Year 9	Geography, Languages	English, Maths	RE, History	Science, Maths
Year 10	History, Spanish, Art, Child Development	Sport and Fitness, Geography, Media Studies, Performing Arts	Science	English, Maths

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On-site provision will be available for vulnerable students and the children of critical workers from Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th January. Any students on-site will not have traditional lessons, but will complete the same online work under supervision in one of our ICT suites. The Government classifies vulnerable students as: students currently with a CIN or CP plan, students with an EHCP, and students who are classed as young carers.

If your child will need to access this in-school provision, please contact Petula Chamberlain (p.chamberlain@kingscollegeguildford.com) so provision can be planned.

In-school COVID testing in January

Following successful trials in pilot schools, we are likely to be able to offer rapid daily testing for students in the event of a confirmed case of COVID. This would replace the need for students who have been in contact with that person to self-isolate. We are awaiting further confirmation of the specifics of what this will look like and how they will be administered, but it is likely to be from the second week back in January.

Consent would be required before any student is tested in school.

I will write to parents in January about what these arrangements will look like at Kings when we have further information.

Final thoughts

These announcements come at a difficult time, with logistical planning and short notice periods making communication both challenging and vital.

I am fortunate enough to work with an exceptional team of teachers, education support staff and administrators. As a group, we remain absolutely committed to supporting all of our students and families through a difficult time. At the core of every decision we take is our central belief in the power and importance of education as an enabler of people. We also care deeply about your children and will continue to do everything we can to keep them as safe as possible.

It has been a long term. Although Christmas this year will be a little different, I wish you all a time of peace and laughter with your families, and look forward to seeing everyone in January.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A. McKenzie
Principal