

31 December 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Following the announcements made yesterday, I am writing with an update about the start of term.

This letter is specifically for parents and carers of children in Years 7 to 10.

As with my previous letter, 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.

Teaching and Learning

From Tuesday 5th January until Friday 15th January, lessons **will now be online**.

Lessons will be published on the SLE by 9am each morning and will take the form of a 15-30 minute zoom video recording by their teacher, with work then set for around an hour for each lesson. Students should complete work in their current exercise books and this work will be reviewed on their return. All students are expected to complete all work set for them.

Lessons will be accessed on the SLE (Student Learning Environment) which is accessed via the 'Students/Student Hub' 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@kingscolleguildford.com](mailto:networkhelpdesk@kingscollegguildford.com).

The timetable of lessons is below:

	Mon 4 th Jan	Tues 5 th Jan	Wed 6 th Jan	Thurs 7 th Jan	Fri 8 th Jan
Year 7	INSET - no lessons	English, RE	Science, History	Maths, Creative Carousel subject	Geography, Languages
Year 8	INSET - no lessons	Science, History	Maths, RE	Geography, Languages	English, Creative Carousel subject
Year 9	INSET - no lessons	Geography, Languages	English, Maths	RE, History	Science, Maths
Year 10	INSET - no lessons	History, Spanish, Art, Child Development	Sport and Fitness, Geography, Media Studies, Performing Arts	Science	English, Maths

	Mon 11 th Jan	Tues 12 th Jan	Wed 13 th Jan	Thurs 14 th Jan	Fri 15 th Jan
Year 7	Maths, Wellbeing	English, RE	Science, History	Maths, Creative Carousel subject	Geography, Languages
Year 8	Maths, Wellbeing	Science, History	Maths, RE	Geography, Languages	English, Creative Carousel subject
Year 9	Maths, Wellbeing	Geography, Languages	English, Maths	RE, History	Science, Maths
Year 10	Maths, Wellbeing	History, Spanish, Art, Child Development	Sport and Fitness, Geography, Media Studies, Performing Arts	Science	English, Maths

On site provision will be available for vulnerable students and the children of critical workers from Tuesday 5th to Friday 15th 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 classes 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 Mrs Chamberlain (p.chamberlain@kingscollegeguildford.com) so provision can be planned.

Year 10 students who are due to take the Cambridge National examination for Sports Studies on 11th January will have an in-school revision session with Miss Hamilton from 10.00am-12noon on Thursday 7th January. Attendance is compulsory for those students. The examination will take place on 11th January as planned.

In-school COVID testing in January

Following successful trials in pilot schools, we will be able to offer rapid lateral flow testing for students and staff in school from the start of January. This will replace the need for students who have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID to self-isolate and allow them to stay in school.

Subject to parental consent, we will aim to test all Year 7 to Year 10 students in the week beginning the 11th January, prior to their return to school on the 18th. More details of this are to follow in the week beginning 4th January. Please note that although we recommend all students to be tested, students will be able to return to school as normal if they opt out of the testing. Families who opt out would have to self-isolate in the event of a close contact with someone who has tested positive.

Should anyone test positive in our school tests, they will be sent home to self-isolate with a PCR test (the sort of test currently being used) to complete and send off.

Final thoughts

I am hopeful that the new in-school tests will allow students to have as uninterrupted a term as possible. As ever, my thanks to staff, parents and students for your positive, can-do attitude and good humour. I can assure you that my team will do everything we can to make learning as effective as possible in the term ahead.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A. McKenzie
Principal