



Year 11 Transition Program

May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

As we reach the final few weeks of evidence gathering to be able to decide student GCSE grades, I am writing to you to give details of the plans for the final week and details of what we can offer after half term. We have been extremely pleased with the effort, drive and stamina of our Year 11 cohort and look forward to ensuring they receive the grades their efforts deserve.

In line with the other Guildford Schools, the final onsite day of term for Year 11 will be **Thursday May 27th** where students will be dismissed at 12:15. We have agreed that, as a nod towards 6th form transition, all Year 11 students may wear school appropriate mufti on that day. Students who wish to have their peers sign their shirts should bring one with them and they will be able to do this at brunch time.

Most students will have completed all of the work they need for us to be able to evidence GCSE grades. However, there are some students who, for various reasons, will need to be available to come onto site after half term to continue to complete assessment pieces under supervision. Parents will be contacted directly where this is necessary, but it is absolutely essential that students continue to engage where necessary. If they are needed in, they must continue to wear school uniform at this time.

We look forward to celebrating the culmination of their time with us at Kings on Friday 11th June. I would re-iterate that this will, unfortunately, be a different experience to the usual 'prom' due to restrictions. We will not have the usual dressing up or arriving in an assortment of vehicles, but will have a really fantastic afternoon together as a group of students and staff and we have lots of great things planned for this afternoon. The event will run from 4.30-7pm and will be predominantly in the quad area.

Following May Half Term in line with government guidance, Year 11 will have a transition support and enrichment program to help them best prepare for their next steps. Year 11 will follow the Oak Academy online program, which will be run alongside enrichment activities designed to support students academically, physically, and emotionally. Please note that for off-site activities such as the Multi Sports Day offer, and the Business Pitch Workshop students will have to register in advance to accommodate for numbers. Students will be able to do this over the next week during tutor time, but are also able to sign up on the school website if they wish to. We encourage students to make use of all the resources available to them to enter the next stage of their education feeling confident and prepared!

Where we have given students computers or tablets, we know that these will be needed for some of the opportunities listed below. We would, however, ask that these are returned to school by the 1st July so they can be re-distributed to students lower down the school.

The initial plan for events, activities and opportunities for students post half-term is listed below, and we hope to be able to add to this in forthcoming days. The silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition

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will continue and is scheduled for Friday 9th July – Sunday 11th July. Further information on this will come from the Duke of Edinburgh Award team at school

June 7th – 11th:

All Week: Catch Up Assessment Period for all students who have missed key assessments

Monday:

1:15-3:00 – Academic Study Space: An area will be available for students to complete preparation work from their post 16 schools, as well as to make use of Oak Academy resources with access to technology and support from staff.

Tuesday:

Multi-Sport Day at University of Surrey: Students can register to attend an afternoon session at the University of Surrey and use their facilities including the rock climbing wall and much more.

Wednesday:

11:00-12:30 – Wellness Wednesday: Students are invited to attend our wellbeing sessions with our Youth Worker for a range of activities including gardening, yoga, cooking and other wellbeing tasks.

Thursday:

3:00-4:00 – Duke of Edinburgh Preparation: Students taking part in the D of E program should attend to complete their training and preparation for their expedition.

3:00-4:00 – Extracurricular Football Club: Students are welcome to continue to participate in after school sport.

Friday:

11:00-12:00 – Maths A-Level Taster Session: Students pursuing maths in their education will experience the style and content of a 6th form lesson.

4:30-7:00 – Year 11 Celebration: Come celebrate the end of your time here at Kings with movies, music and refreshments.

June 14th - 18th

Monday:

1:15-3:00 – Academic Study Space: An area will be available for students to complete preparation work from their post 16 schools, as well as to make use of Oak Academy resources with access to technology and support from staff.

Tuesday:

11:00-12:00 - English A-Level Taster Session: Students pursuing maths in their education will experience the style and content of a 6th form lesson.

Wednesday:

11:00-12:30 – Wellness Wednesday: Students are invited to attend our wellbeing sessions with our Youth Worker for a range of activities including gardening, yoga, cooking and other wellbeing tasks.

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June 21st – 25th

Monday:

11:00-12:30 – Getting Ready! College Preparation/Guildford College Visit: A session for students to have questions about next steps answered as well as prepare themselves to be successful at college.

1:15-3:00 – Academic Study Space: An area will be available for students to complete preparation work from their post 16 schools, as well as to make use of Oak Academy resources with access to technology and support from staff.

Tuesday:

Afternoon- University of Surrey- Business Pitch Workshop: Students interested in business or working on the next great idea will have the opportunity to design and pitch a business plan with the support of the University of Surrey.

Wednesday:

11:00-12:30 – Wellness Wednesday: Students are invited to attend our wellbeing sessions with our Youth Worker for a range of activities including gardening, yoga, cooking and other wellbeing tasks.

Thursday:

11:00-12:30 – The Job Hunt: Students will develop their CV and receive guidance on how to find and successfully apply for a part time job.

3:00-4:00 – Duke of Edinburgh Preparation: Students taking part in the D of E program should attend to complete their training and preparation for their expedition.

3:00-4:00 – Extracurricular Football Club: Students are welcome to continue to participate in after school sport.

On behalf of all of the team here, our thanks to you for your continuous support in what has been a challenging time for everyone.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A. McKenzie
Principal