

Headteacher: Mr D. Whales | Chair of Governors: Mr T. French

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I last wrote to you a week into my role as Head of Year 11, and I am now coming up to the end of my first month. It's been great to see students taking the 'Finals' seriously and continuing to make the most of the extra provision we are offering. A couple of weeks ago, teachers went through a 'standardisation' process to ensure better consistency and accuracy in marking. Students will start to receive some feedback from their teachers, and I hope you can join me in emphasising this as a learning experience and to use this as a springboard to even better outcomes in the summer.

As we are raising expectations with year 11 students, we are also keen to increase rewards and wellbeing opportunities. For this reason, to mark their hard work in their exams, **on Friday 2nd February, we will be holding an extra 'rewards assembly'** for all year 11 students during their unit 5 lesson, 2.15 pm. We would like to keep this as a surprise, but I wanted to inform you that **we will be allowing Year 11 students to leave from ~2.45-3 pm**. If you would prefer them to stay in school until 3.15 pm, please email Miss Burns, [j.burns@kscs.org.uk](mailto:j.burns@kscs.org.uk)

I would also like to take this opportunity to update you on a couple of things:

Our Tuesday unit 6 sessions (3.20-4 pm) with our Higher Education Officer, Luci Collins, will restart on Tuesday 06 February. Students were informed in the assembly earlier this week. We postponed these sessions based on feedback from students who wanted to concentrate on revision for their exams.

On Tuesday 06 February, we will focus the session on 'getting organised'. As part of this, all students who attend will receive an A4 Ring binder, dividers and plastic wallets. In the following 'revision techniques' session on Tuesday 13 February, students will receive flashcards and a highlighter set.  
Best wishes,



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Leadership Consultant and Head of Year 11