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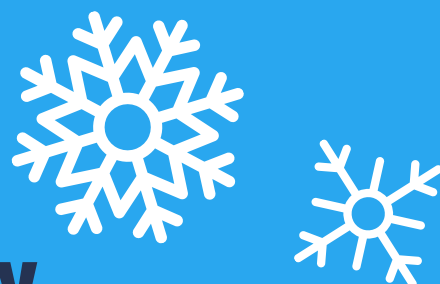
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POST16 news letter



In school lateral flow device (LFD) testing availability 4 to 7 January



We are pleased to offer your child a lateral flow test during the first school week back from Tuesday 4 until Friday 7 January. To give consent for this to happen, we ask that parents/carers click [here](https://forms.office.com/r/WkZH8Ck16r) or use the link below to fill in the necessary details required.

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LFD kits will be issued this week so that your child/children can test at least twice a week over the holidays. Students can also obtain an LFD kit from Student Services. Please could you ensure that one test is reserved for Monday 3 January prior to returning to school on Tuesday 4 January. Have a good christmas break and a happy new year.

Regards
Mr Erwin



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KEN STIMPSON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

85% “ My child does well at this school ”
OF PARENTS SAY

93% “ My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school ”
OF PARENTS SAY

88% “ The school has high expectations for my child ”
OF PARENTS SAY

88% “ I would recommend this school to another parent ”
OF PARENTS SAY

93% “ My child is happy at this school ”
OF PARENTS SAY

93% “ There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school ”
OF PARENTS SAY

95% “ My child feels safe at this school ”
OF PARENTS SAY

79% “ The school supports my child's wider personal development ”
OF PARENTS SAY

89% “ The school lets me know how my child is doing ”
OF PARENTS SAY

YOU'VE RATED US



See overleaf for what we're working on following your feedback

WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON



With your feedback we're working towards a five star rating.

YOU SAID ABOUT ...

Not enough information about clubs and trips

We have posted all clubs and activities on our website and will continue to update this as new opportunities arise. Please visit <https://www.kscs.org.uk/curriculum/kscs-enrichment-programme>



Homework needing to be posted on ClassCharts and set readily

This is now the platform for capturing what homework is set. To access Classcharts please visit the following link: <https://www.classcharts.com/parent/login>



Regular communication

I send out communication as when necessary to avoid bombarding you. However, Heads of Year will now be sending out a half termly newsletter to keep you up-to-date. You can also view these here: <https://www.kscs.org.uk/view-letters-home>



Not having contact back when calling in.

We aim to respond to phone calls and emails received within two – five school days. We are developing an escalation system whereby if responses are not received within this time period you are able to escalate this so a senior leader with the principal also being informed.

Monitoring of the corridors during movement time

We have enhanced our corridor patrols and have spoken to students about the respect agenda to younger students. We continue to monitor this issue.

Access to toilets

Students with medical needs will be issued with cards. If a child with a card needs to go to the toilet, then this must be respected. Unless it is an emergency, students have two breaks during the day to go to toilet.

More SEND provision

We have appointed three additional HLTA to support the expanding SEND needs just this term. We hope this will allow us to be able to reach out to more students. We are limited to resources and do need to prioritise at times.

More information on curriculum

We have set several targets to communicate even more about what your child is learning, including homework and what resources can be used to support them at home. This includes stretching the more able as well.

More support for neuro-diverse students

We have set up a committee supported by trained staff on this issue. Like the student council, the group will have the opportunity to meet with the principal and other key members of staff every half term to discuss how as a school we become even more inclusive in all aspects of what we do.

More detailed academic reporting

We have committed to ensuring students and parents received detailed information about what topics and how we are assessing in Years 11 and Post116 throughout the year leading up to the final examinations. We aim to review the Attitude to Learning guidance this year and ensure subject evenings are impactful

NEXT STEPS FOR THE SCHOOL (WE DID)

Dear Post 16 Students and Parent / Carer,



As we draw closer to the end of term, Post 16 students should reflect on what they have achieved over the last 14 weeks and be proud of the progress they have made. This is the longest stretch of the school year and the cold mornings and dark nights do not keep your spirits high. I commend all of our students for maintaining their motivation levels and commitment.



The Pre-Public Examinations the sixth form have sat over the last 2 weeks of term will be marked by staff over the Christmas break (I am looking forward to marking mine on Boxing Day after I finish building my latest Lego set. The 1989 Batwing!) and when we return, students can expect to receive detailed feedback regarding "what went well" and "even better if". We do not expect students to be the finished article yet but we do expect students to be reflective learners and prepared to learn from the PPEs. Albert Einstein is often attributed with saying "the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results". Whilst it is perfectly acceptable for students to make mistakes in the December PPEs, hopefully they will have learnt from these by the time we do the next round in March and certainly by the time they do the final exams in the summer.

I urge students to take advantage of the support the P16 teachers will be offering over the Spring term, including attending after school revision sessions. A good New Year's resolution for many of our learners will be to cut back on some of those hours of part time work and spend that additional time on their studies. I can assure you, it will be worth the sacrifice in the long run, even if it means a little less cash right now!

We wish every Post 16 student, parent/carer and staff member a relaxing, safe and restful Christmas and New Year. Whether you celebrate the festive season or not, please take the time to recharge your batteries and spend some quality time with your loved ones.

Mr Abbott & Miss Kingston



POST 16 QUIZ **UPDATE!**



Every week the Post 16 tutor groups take part in an inter-form quiz, hosted by Mr Abbott. We always start with 10 Qs based on newsworthy events from the past week. In the first half term we had 5Qs from the Mastermind General Knowledge Quiz Book. We then end with our picture round. The quiz is quite competitive, with the tutors playing along with their forms. Round 1 of our quiz was won by P16-5 (Mrs Wise and Miss Kingston's tutor group) who beat P16-4 (Mr Gilbey and Mr Newton) by just two points. P16-1 won our first Wooden Spoon.

This half term, we have had a Specialist Subject Round with each tutor group selecting their choice. So far this term we have had rounds focused on Batman, Marilyn Monroe, PC Gaming, Dinosaurs, Kayne West and Serial Killers.

As we head into the final round- our Christmas Special on the last day of term- P16-5 are in the lead again, but there is still a chance P16-3 or P12-2 could do 'a

| FORM | | ROUND 1, Week 6 (Final Table) | | | | TOTAL |
|-------|---------|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|--------|
| | | RD1 (/10) | RD2 (/5) | RD3 (/10) | TOTAL(/25) | (/186) |
| P16-5 | SWE/SKN | 4 | 3 | 5.5 | 12.5 | 122 |
| P16-4 | JGY/NNN | 5 | 3 | 8.5 | 16.5 | 120 |
| P16-3 | KHT | 4 | 4 | 7 | 15 | 119 |
| P16-2 | AMF | 5 | 3 | 8.5 | 16.5 | 119 |
| P16-6 | DMY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 96 |
| P16-1 | FSI | 3 | 2 | 7.5 | 12.5 | 92 |

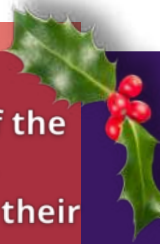
| FORM | | ROUND 2, After Week 6 | | | | TOTAL |
|-------|---------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------|
| | | RD1 (/10) | RD2 (/15) | RD3 (/16) | TOTAL(/41) | (/190) |
| P16-5 | SWE/SKN | 6.5 | 10.5 | 12 | 29 | 160.5 |
| P16-3 | KHT | 8 | 9.5 | 9.5 | 27 | 153 |
| P16-2 | AMF | 7 | 14.5 | 9 | 30.5 | 146 |
| P16-4 | JGY/NNN | 6.5 | 12.5 | 13.5 | 32.5 | 138.5 |
| P16-6 | DMY | 5.5 | 10 | 13.5 | 29 | 133.5 |
| P16-1 | FSI | 4.5 | 9 | 4.5 | 18 | 120 |

Max Verstappen' and overtake on the final lap. Mr Satari's form will be keen to try to avoid retaining the Wooden Spoon for a second half term...



MOBILE PHONES REMINDER

I make no apology in continuing to remind students of the mobile phone ban across the school. Post 16 students retain the exclusive privilege of using their mobiles in their dedicated Common Room and Study Room but need to continue to be positive role models for the lower school by keeping their phones and headphones out of sight.



POST 16 ATTENDANCE AND PHONING IN SICK

We will be sending out a further set of letters to the parents/carers of any students whose attendance has remained below 90% over the course of this second half term. In many cases this will now result in those students being made parental entries, with the cost of their summer examinations being paid from home. If there have been genuine reasons we are not aware of, it is the responsibility of the students and their parents/carers to provide this information to the school. Students should be attending everyday unless there are exceptional circumstances. There is a huge correlation between low attendance and low attainment and in the sixth form, every lesson really does count!

I also wish to remind you that Post 16 students (or their parents/carers) must still phone in every day they are not in school. There is a dedicated Post 16 absence line which Miss Kingston checks and uses to inform staff students will be missing from lessons.



UCAS DEADLINE

The final deadline for students applying to university next year is 26 January 2022. However, Mr Walji will need UCAS applications sending to him the week before (19 January) so he can get the forms checked and references attached. This is a time-consuming process and I urge students to get everything done from their end before they return after Christmas.

POST 16 BURSARY

Another remainder of the availability of the P16 bursary fund. This is not just available to students in receipt of Free School Meals or from families receiving Universal Credit but to all families of Post 16 students in financial hardship. The bursary can provide for a range of educational support, including bus fares, educational visits, course textbooks and equipment. If you feel you may benefit from this support, please contact me in confidence.



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Thank you for your contribution!

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