



THE KING'S SCHOOL

GRANTHAM

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all well. The change in weather seems to have coincided with the start of the final term of the year. It is without doubt the most unusual time that I have faced in my life.

Mental Health and Well Being

Taking care of ourselves can feel quite overwhelming at times. There is now so much information available that it can be hard to know where to start. This week on FROG there are some practical worksheets that look at a series of strategies for keeping ourselves healthy. Quite often it is beneficial for us to select just one strategy to improve our general well-being. This could make a real difference to how we feel, please take a look at the resources and see how you get on. If you need some support from school for your child or yourself, please contact Mr Dixon (Justin.Dixon@kings.lincs.sch.uk) in the first instance.

Year 12 Examinations

The Year 12 examinations will not be held in school but will be completed remotely during the weeks beginning 22 June and 3 July. We will be asking parents to oversee them to ensure that examination conditions are met. We hope to talk to the students during the week of the 15 June to fully explain this process.

Year 10 and 12 Students

I know that the Year 10 and 12 students will be eager to hear about the 'face to face' provision from the 15 June onwards. Next week, in preparation for the 15 June opening, students will be sent a link to an online booking system to arrange an individual time slot to come into school, meet with a teacher and have a tour of the school to prepare them for observing the social distancing requirements and the new one-way systems and other protocols that are in place.

The week of 15 June is our first phase in reopening the school. Provided the first phase is successful and we are confident that social distancing and health and safety requirements will be observed, we will move to a second phase. In the second phase students will be invited to school for one day a week.

Please find a link to further information on Lincolnshire County Council's website regarding transport arrangements from 15 June 2020 onwards: <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/council-services/schools-education-1/5?documentId=427&categoryId=20128>.

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Year 11

The Year 11 Induction into Year 12 will be happening online between the dates 01 and 03 July. Students will have access to subject specific guidance and activities to prepare them for their A level studies. They will also have specific guidance on the content for the reintegration assessments in September. Mr Whales is contacting all Year 11 students who have a clash with their A-Level options and will then be releasing the programme for Induction on Frog at 9am on Wednesday 1 July.

Year 9

As a reminder to the Year 9 students, they are no longer required to work on online lessons in subjects that they will not be continuing to GCSE. We hope that this will alleviate any pressure that some of the boys may be experiencing.

E-mailing

Some students have been in email communication with staff that it is not clear from their email address who the sender is. Can I ask that where possible students use their school email account for contacting staff or make it very clear who it is sent from.

Online Safety

ThinkUKnow has created a page to support parents and young people online. The site includes home activity packs with simple 15-minute activities to support children's understanding of online safety. There is also a parent support section for primary and secondary age children. Further information can be found at <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets>.

I am sure that you will be pleased to know that the Brook Street renovation work has now all been completed and that the site has been returned to normal. I really look forward to the day when we are in full use of it again.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Master