



THE KING'S SCHOOL

GRANTHAM

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all well. We have been working in school to understand and implement the guidance for the wider opening of schools in September. Nearer the time I will send a pack to all parents that will contain information about our one-way systems and the precautions that all students and staff will have to follow. The information pack, that will include a Frequently Asked Questions section will not be available until August to provide time for any amendments from the Department for Education or Public Health England to be incorporated and implemented here at school. I am extremely pleased to know that in September we will be welcoming all students back to King's. As with all of my colleagues I am eager to return to teaching here in the school.

Can I remind you that the Department for Education information on schools reopening can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Communication from the School

For your information if you unsubscribe to emails from e4education you will no longer receive communication from the school. This has caused an issue for a number of parents.

Year 10 and 12 students

It has been a joy to have the Year 10 and 12 students back on the site. I know a number of them have been worried about the content of their examinations in 2021. They are understandably concerned about the time that they have missed in school. Although we do not yet know the content of the GCSE and A level examinations and how this may be adapted in 2021, there are a number of changes being proposed to accommodate the loss of learning due to the virus SARS-COV-2. You can see the consultations at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-changes-to-the-assessment-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2021>.

I hope this reassures you that Ofqual are considering ways to address the reduced learning that may have occurred over the past months.

Year 11 and 13 students

Next week we will send a separate letter confirming the arrangements for the release and collection of GCSE and A level results. We hope to make this as 'normal' a process and celebration of your successes as we can.

Ofqual confirmed on 30 June that any student unable to receive a calculated result, and others who would like to improve their grades, will have an opportunity to take the full suite of GCSE, AS and A-level exams in the autumn. I'm pleased to be able to give you more detail about the autumn series, as JCQ has now confirmed that the dates for these exams will be:

- AS and A-level exams: Monday 5 October to Friday 23 October
- GCSE exams: Monday 2 November to Monday 23 November.

The deadline for entry for these examinations will be:

- A-level – 4 September

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- GCSE (except English Language and Mathematics) – 18 September
- GCSE (English Language and Mathematics) – 4 October.

Health and Safety

As a reminder, testing is available to anyone in England and Wales who has symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), whatever their age. Tests are free and can be requested through the [NHS website](#).

Priority testing is available for essential workers and anyone they live with who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). Priority testing can be arranged through the self-referral portal on GOV. UK. [Apply for a coronavirus test if you're an essential worker](#).

Mental Health and Well Being

Don't forget if you need any support from school for your child or yourself, please contact Mr Dixon (Justin.Dixon@kings.lincs.sch.uk) in the first instance and we can direct you to the right place.

The King's School is registered as a referral agency for Food Bank vouchers in Grantham. If you are in need of additional support in this area please get in touch through admin@kings.lincs.sch.uk

I would encourage our Year 12 students to make the most of the wellbeing resources within the Know-How Guides on their Unifrog platform. Students can access excellent resources and practical advice on a range of topics including coping with anxiety, social media addiction, mindfulness and many more.

Rotary Club Creativity Opportunities

There are three competitions which Rotary Club of Grantham Kesteven will be running to challenge, stretch and entertain students over the summer. The 3 competitions enable students to showcase their creativity using the media of Photography, Creative Writing and Filmmaking, and are open to competitors between the ages of 7-17 in 3 age group categories.

Each competition has a different theme, and winners of our local competitions will advance into regional and national heats if they are successful at each stage. The closing date for entries for all competitions is 07 February 2021. The three competitions are:

Young writer: <https://rotary1070.org/youth/competitions/y-writer/>

Young photographer: <https://rotary1070.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2020-21-Young-Photographer-Information-Pack-RI.pdf>

Young film maker: <https://rotary1070.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/2020-21-Young-Filmmaker-Information-Pack.pdf>

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>.

Year 12

To support the exciting prospect of University applications, Mr Whales has sent a link to the Sixth Form Higher Education presentation on Frog & Unifrog. The link should take you to a voiceover PowerPoint with video guides for Unifrog and UCAS. We are encouraging all of Year 12 to be registered on UCAS before the end of term. This presentation is intended for students and parents and details how parents can access the Unifrog platform to support the application process.



The two-week examination window has now passed and subject teachers will be offering feedback to students on their examination performances. It is imperative that students absorb and reflect on the advice they have been given and continue to use the summer weeks to develop their academic readiness for Year 13. All students should have submitted their examination papers as instructed or made contact with their teacher with an explanation.

Subject teachers are beginning to enter predicted grades and subject references on the Unifrog platform. All students must register their teachers on their profile as without these the teachers are unable to enter this crucial information. All students need to confirm their teacher lists this weekend.

Working on Line

As a reminder to students accessing online lessons. The invitation for a lesson will be sent to your school email. All of the lessons that you have been invited to will appear in your Outlook Calendar. Lessons will only take place during your normal timetabled school period. We would be grateful if parents could help students find and check their calendar on Outlook daily to help students organise their time between any Teams lessons and their other work set on Frog.

Financial Difficulty

The school will be closed during the summer holiday period. If families are facing hardship, they can access the Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant. [Further government support](#) is available for families struggling as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19). If families need urgent help, they can [contact their local council](#) to find out the services are available in their area.

Although it may be an encouraging sign that the government continues to ease restrictions it is most important that we continue to exercise common sense, caution and good judgement. To that end we will be sticking to the 2-metre distancing policy on the school premises.

Thank you for all your continuing support and positivity during this difficult time. We all look forward to the opportunity of reopening the school in September after the summer closure.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Master