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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the final week of another busy term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support and patience as we continue to contend with the impact of the pandemic on levels of student and staff absence. I do not underestimate the disruption that asking year groups to learn from home has on our families, and it is never a decision we take lightly.

New School Management Information System (MIS)

After careful consideration and research, we are moving our school MIS from SIMS to Arbor following the Easter break. This will bring about efficiencies in the way the school operates but more importantly, it will allow us to act upon feedback parents and students have given us in terms of some aspects of school life such as communication between home and school, notification of student conduct, and ease of access to real time information about how students are progressing at KC.

As part of this migration, we have reviewed our behaviour management processes and in response to parental feedback, you will now receive more clarity and detail about the nature of any behaviour and reward incident/s. As we set this up, please do bear with us as we start to embed the new system. We would appreciate feedback from parents in relation to this aspect of our communication and if you feel that you are able to provide us with constructive feedback, please email Lindsay.Rayment@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk.

We will obviously keep you updated as we start to roll out the full functionality of the new MIS and for the time being, you will continue receiving information through MyEd and In-app messages. You may also receive some emails from admin@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk. So please add this email address as an approved sender to ensure these emails do not go into your junk folder.

Returning to KC After Easter – Amended start time and College expectations

As we return from the Easter break on **Tuesday 19th April 2022**, there will be a slightly staggered start to the day to make sure that the new MIS system is functioning as it should. It is important that we do this so that we can guarantee the delivery of basic school functions such as taking the register, and having access to student emergency details. Unfortunately, Arbor were unable to move forward our 'go live' date which means we will not have chance to test this prior to breaking up this term.

Please note therefore that on Tuesday 19th April, **Key Stage 4 and 5 (Years 10-13) lessons will commence at 9.55am** (the gate will open 5 minutes before) and **Key Stage**



3 (Year 7-9) lessons will start at 10.15am and the gate will open 5 minutes before.

Please see below for a reminder of some of our key requirements in terms of student conduct.

Uniform

After Easter, all students will need to be back in full school uniform.

- Students must wear a blazer and will no longer be allowed to wear a V-necked jumper instead of a blazer.
- Students should wear smart black leather shoes.
- Hair should be of a natural colour.
- Nose piercings should be removed.
- Nails should be a natural colour and normal length.
- Students should not wear hoodies, and should not wear a hat or have their hood up when inside the school building.
- The coloured sash to identify what year group your child is in needs to be ironed on under the KC badge on the blazer. Spare sashes are available from Student Services.
- With the warmer weather, **there is no need for students to wear coats in classrooms.**

Mobile Phones

As before, mobile phones must be switched off when students enter the school site and must remain switched off until the end of the day. Please be advised that if a student is seen with a mobile phone, it will be confiscated as per the school policy and will be kept in the school safe, ready for return the following day at 3.05pm.

Attendance

Attendance at school is mandatory. Please make sure that any absence is reported to our attendance team through the MyEd app or by calling the school reception on 01604 716106.

We have been very pleased with the attendance of students returning to school and the latest figures show that we are currently above national secondary school attendance. We look forward to this high level of attendance being maintained by all students.

Punctuality

As a reminder, students should aim to be on site for 8:30am and be in their tutor room ready to begin their school day at 8:40am. Students who do arrive late to school will receive a breach for the school core value of Responsibility. A reminder that two breaches in a day will lead to a 30 minute after school NNR, and three or more breaches in a day will lead to a 1 hour after school NNR.

I am sure I speak for us all when I say that I hope the Summer Term is less disrupted in terms of Covid-19. The forthcoming term is always one which sees our students continue to work hard and demonstrate the fruit of their labour during external assessments, as well as multiple opportunities to celebrate and enjoy the broader aspects of school life through our trips, visits, performances, shows, co-curricular activities, and annual awards evening.

Thank you for all your support and for the trust you place in us to encourage your child to dream big, work hard, and stay humble.



Mrs Giovannelli
Headteacher