

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear secondary parents and carers,

**Re: End of year arrangements, Start of Year arrangements and Secondary Staffing updates**

As we approach the last two weeks of the school year, please read below to find out more about some key details for the end of term and the start of the next academic year in September 2022.

**Summer Fair – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

A reminder that all pupils will be dismissed at 1.30pm having been provided with lunch next Friday (15<sup>th</sup> July) to allow for teachers to be trained for the last week of term so that we can enjoy the KSA Summer Fair as a community. Secondary pupils are welcome to come to the fair (which starts at 3.30pm) although they must be accompanied by an adult.

**End of Term – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

All Secondary pupils will be dismissed at 1.30pm having been provided with lunch on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

**September ‘Base Camp’ Meetings – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

We are excited to have an opportunity to meet each family and their child at the beginning of the academic year. The purpose behind this is to ensure that each and every pupil has a successful start to their new school year and for each family to meet their child’s form tutor face to face. We received feedback from parent consultation that in secondary, during the pandemic, parents had fewer touch points, and so we wanted to address this. We are calling them Base Camp meetings, because before climbing a mountain, climbers gather to plan the ascent at the base camp. In climbing the mountain to university, we want to have this chance to plan ahead for your child to be successful.

You will be given a 30 minute appointment time with either your child’s form tutor or another member of staff that they work closely with such as their Head of Year, Ms Idowu (the SENCO), or a Senior Leader. In this meeting they will:

- Review the previous academic year, their long-term future goals and set targets for achieving them
- Read together and re-commit to the Whatever It Takes commitment
- Read together their Year Group’s handbook which outlines the behaviour expectations, attendance expectations, key dates and events for the year, mental health support in school and other information
- Ensure that each family knows the correct uniform and equipment
- Ensure that dietary and medical information is updated
- Be given their planner and timetable for the year
- Share the parent events for the year
- Prepare for the induction days for the first week of term

Your child should attend this meeting with one or both parents and be in full school uniform.

They should bring their school bag and equipment so that this can be checked by their form tutor before the first day of term. There will be a second-hand uniform for sale in the foyer and equipment to buy in the school shop on these two days.

Your appointment time will be emailed to you directly. Please make a note of this and email [parents@kingsolomonacademy.org/](mailto:parents@kingsolomonacademy.org/). If you cannot make your appointment time **by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July** so that we can offer an alternative.

### **Secondary getting to know You events - September**

Each family is asked to attend a getting to know you event. This will run as follows:

- Year 7: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 4.15pm – 5.15pm
- Year 8: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 4.15pm – 5.15pm
- Year 9: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 4.15pm – 5.15pm
- Year 10: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 4.15pm – 5.15pm
- Year 11: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 4.15pm- 5.15pm
- Year 12: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 4.15pm- 5.15pm
- Year 13: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 4.15pm- 5.15pm

In these events you will be able to:

- Meet the year groups teachers
- Celebrate the start of the year's success
- Hear more about the plans for the year including the residential trip at the end of the year
- Learn about the curriculum and key dates, including examinations
- Enjoy some food together

We ask each family to bring a food or drink contribution to share. Primary events will happen during the school day. We have prioritised secondary events out of the school day so that parents can meet as many of the teachers that teach their child as possible.

**Please turn to the attached page to see which staff will be working with which classes and what their new class will be called.**

## **Staffing Arrangements**

I am pleased to be able to share Secondary staffing arrangements for 2022-23.

## **Leadership roles next year**

**Max Haimendorf, Principal, will be Head of Secondary** and will be working at OYS to support the whole team. Alice Cairns and Siobhan Crompton will continue to be Vice Principals until they leave for maternity leave in November 2022. As a result, two existing members of the team will be performing Maternity Cover roles as Vice Principals for the 2022-3 academic year. Richard Tindell will be taking on leadership of the curriculum and Tim Mvula will be taking on the role as Vice Principal Pastoral.

They are joined leading the school with six other members of the Secondary Senior Leadership Team:

- **Ms Woolf, Assistant Principal, Director of Operations**
- **Ms Mulvena, Assistant Principal – Head of Middle School**
- **Ms Sandford, Assistant Principal – Head of Upper School**
- **Ms Taylor, Assistant Principal – Teaching & Learning**
- **Ms Mungur, Assistant Principal Acting Head of 6<sup>th</sup> Form**
- **Ms Povey, Assistant Principal Data and Assessment**

Please see below for which teachers will be teaching which classes. We have not included the support staff here as it is not completely decided where each member of support staff will be working. This will be shared with more certainty in September.

## **Departing staff**

The following staff will be moving on from KSA at the end of the academic year. We will say thank you to them at the end of the year. It is always sad to see staff say goodbye to our community, but as you can see, there are staff with plans to explore the world!

- Ms Armitage, Assistant Principal will be moving to Australia.
- Ms Oram, Head of Science will be moving to Italy.
- Ms Faleiro, Deputy Head of Music, will be moving to Spain.
- Ms McPherson, Geography teacher will be moving to East Asia.
- Ms Fox, Science teacher, will be moving to Vietnam.
- Ms Rooeen, Deputy Head of English, will be moving to Birmingham.
- Ms Holbrook, Lead Teacher of Art will be moving to Surrey.
- Mr Chapman, Head of Year 7, will be moving to a new role in East London.
- Mr Stinton, MFL teacher will be moving to a new teaching role.
- Mr Schnabel, Geography teacher will be moving to a new teaching role.
- Having trained with us, three trainee teachers will be moving on to new roles elsewhere: Ms. Webster, Mr. Parker-Steele, Ms. Naeem.

## **Other updates**

Ms Warburton, Lead Teacher of Chemistry, is expecting her first child in September, we wish her the very best of luck with her Maternity leave.

## **New Staff**

We have hired a brilliant group of new staff, who we look forward to you meeting at the Getting to Know You events in September.

## Pastoral Leadership in 22-23

The table below outlines who will be Head of Year and Form Tutors in secondary year groups. The Form Tutor is the main point of contact in the secondary school, but your child will, of course be taught by subject specialists for all of their academic subjects. We will share more information about who is teaching your child in individual subjects at the Getting to Know You events in September.

At key transition points, classes change, as outlined below:

1. We will determine Year 7 classes after Middle School Practice Days and will write to current Year 6 parents in September with details about their child's form and key contact details.
2. Year 7 into Year 8 will have some new members of the team, including a new Head of Year, Mr Blackshaw. We will write to Year 7 parents separately about plans for the year group next week.
3. We have shared information with Year 9 pupils about which year 10 class their child will be in earlier this week.
4. Year 12 forms will be determined after Results' Days as we are joined by many external students at this point.

We are extremely proud of the team and look forward to working together to help your child to progress academically and socially in 2022-23.

Class name 2022-23	Year Lead	Form Tutors	
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL</b> Rachel Mulvena (RMU)	<b>Year 7 (2029)</b> Conrad Louise-Marie (CLM)	7 Bristol	Ms. East
		7 Swansea	Ms. Aston
		7 Somerville	Mr. Gilder
	<b>Year 8 (2028)</b> Lewis Blackshaw (LBL) <i>We will write to parents separately about plans for this year group</i>	8 Nottingham	Ms. Schofield
		8 Birmingham	Ms. Moore
		8 Chichester	Mr. Hoogland
	<b>Year 9 (2027)</b> Samantha Cassar (SCA)	9 Newcastle (was 8 Leeds)	Ms. Warden
		9 King's (was 8 Exeter)	Mr. MacDonald
		9 Sheffield (was 8 Bristol)	Ms. Fearon
<b>UPPER SCHOOL</b> Hebe Sanford (HSA)	<b>Year 10 (2026)</b> Abigail Davies (ADA)	10 Courtauld	Mr. Millar
		10 St. Mary's	Mr. Deller
		10 IOE	Mr. Navarro
		10 UCL	Ms. Tambe
	<b>Year 11 (2025)</b> Connie Tooze (CTO)	11 Coventry (was Aix-Marseille)	Ms. Idowu
		11 Cardiff (was Durham)	Ms. Beeby
<b>SIXTH FORM</b> Kate Mungur (KMU)	<b>Year 12 (2024)</b> Maddy Sakikini (MSA)	11 Warwick (was Liverpool)	Ms. Pickering
		12 Donard	Ms. Iqbal
		12 Nevis	Mr. Islam
		12 Snowdon	Ms. Bree
	<b>Year 13 (2023)</b> Gabbie Bristow (GBR)	12 Helvellyn	Ms. Djik-Jurasz
		13 Aconcagua	Mr. Docherty
		13 Olympus	Mr. Nipah
	13 Fuji	Mr. Seldon	
	13 Kilimanjaro	Ms. Shields	

We have shared this information so that we can all be organised for a fantastic start to next year. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's form teacher, head of year or email [parents@kingsolomonacademy.org](mailto:parents@kingsolomonacademy.org).

Yours faithfully,



Max Haimendorf  
**Principal**