

Dear parents,

We are delighted to have welcomed back pupils in every year group this week: a particularly warm welcome goes out to new pupils and their families in Nursery, Reception and in Sixth Form as well as the new pupils who have joined in other year groups. Welcome to our team and family!

There are a small number of families who are having to quarantine having returned from other countries. Those pupils are currently learning at home and will return to their classes once it is safe to do so.

We are confident that we have made a very positive start to the new school year and the whole school community is committed to helping each other stay safe through appropriate distancing and hygiene measures. A reminder that you can read more about how we are keeping everyone safe [here](#).

Covid 19 Testing

A reminder that if your child or anyone in your household shows any symptoms of Covid-19 (temperature, new and persistent cough, loss of smell or taste) then you must not come to school and you must get tested immediately. **You must also keep all siblings at home too.**

Information about how to get tested is all on the website [here](#).

Start and end of the day timings

The most detailed part of the school's risk assessment concerns the start and end of the school day. It is vitally important that all pupils arrive at the right time so that they do not mix with other pupils from other bubbles.

YYS Threshold and Dismissal times		Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
DROP OFF <i>threshold</i>	Monday to Fridays	8.45- 8.50am	8.40- 8.45am	8.35- 8.40am	8.30- 8.35am	8.25- 8.30am	8.20- 8.25am
PICK UP <i>dismissal</i>	Mondays	2.20- 2.25pm	2.25- 2.30pm	2.30 - 2.35pm	2.35 - 2.40 pm	2.40 - 2.45pm	2.45 - 2.50pm
	Tuesday to Fridays	3.00- 3.05pm	3.05- 3.10pm	3.10- 3.15pm	3.15- 3.20pm	3.20- 3.25pm	3.25- 3.30pm

Year	NEW arrival time every day	NEW dismissal time every day	Entrance used
5	8.05-8.30am	3.40-3.50 (Monday) 2.40-2.50pm	Junior School gate on Penfold Street
6		3.50-4.00 (Monday) 2.50-3.00pm	

YYS Crompton Street (W2 1ND) Pick Up

Pupil Zones	Zones 1 and 2	Zones 3 and 4	Zones 5 and 6
Parent feet colour	Use white feet	Use white or yellow feet	Use yellow feet
Nursery	N RADA	N Southbank	
Reception	Loughborough	Sheffield Hallam	Surrey
Year 1	Nottingham Trent	Leeds	Lancashire
Year 2	Nottingham	Swansea	Exeter
Year 3	Edinburgh	Hatfield	New York
Year 4	Oxford	Goldsmiths	Durham

YYS Park Place Villas (W2 1SP) pick up

Pupil Zones	C	B	A
Parent feet colour	Use white feet	Use white or yellow feet	Use yellow feet
Nursery		N RADA	N Southbank
Reception	Loughborough	Sheffield Hallam	Surrey
Year 1	Lancashire	Nottingham Trent	Leeds
Year 2	Swansea	Nottingham	Exeter
Year 3	New York	Hatfield	Edinburgh
Year 4	Goldsmiths	Durham	Oxford

	Middle School (7,8,9)	Upper School (10,11)	Sixth Form
Arrival (Bell Street)	8:10am - 8.20am entry Gates close at 8:20am.	8.15am - 8.25am Gates close at 8:25am.	8.20am - 8.30am Gates close at 8.30am
Leaving building (Bell street)	3.50pm (2.50 on a Monday)	3.45pm (2.55 on a Monday)	3.00pm (2.50 on a Monday)

Primary parent pick up information: urgent

Thank you to all the parents who have provided information on who is safe to pick up your child, explaining their relationship to the child. We also need a photo of each of these people.

Please provide these asap to parents@kingsolomonacademy.org so we can ensure we only ever hand your child over to someone you have agreed.

Welcome videos

The welcome videos we made for all parents and pupils will be live on YouTube for one more week to ensure you have all been able to see them:

Sixth Form [here](#)

Upper School [here](#)

Middle School [here](#)

Primary classes [here](#)

Virtual Getting to Know You Dinners

Many parents will know that we usually run a Getting to Know You Dinner for all parents and staff to get to know each other, share food together and make sure everyone is clear on the important things to know for the year ahead in each year group.

Whilst we clearly can't run these events in person at the moment, we are committed to ensuring parents get to 'meet' their year team staff as soon as possible in the new term on an online Teams meeting. We do expect every parent to make every effort to be present.

The session will include: getting to know the staff on the team, seeing the pupils' classrooms and key learning spaces, getting year group specific information about the start of the school year including new routines etc as well as an introduction to this half term's curriculum.

Please hold this time in your diaries and enter via the Teams invitation which you have been sent.

	When?
Nursery	5-5.40pm on Wednesday 16 th September
Reception	5-5.40pm on Tuesday 15 th September
Year 1	5-5.40pm on Thursday 17 th September
Year 2	5-5.40pm on Friday 18 th September
Year 3	5-5.40pm on Wednesday 23 rd September
Year 4	5-5.40pm on Tuesday 22 nd September
Year 5	5-5.40pm on Monday 14 th September
Year 6	5-5.40pm on Monday 21 st September
Year 7	5-5.40pm on Tuesday 22 nd September
Year 8	5-5.40pm on Tuesday 29 th September
Year 9	5-5.40pm on Thursday 24 th September
Year 10	5-5.40pm on Wednesday 23 rd September
Year 11	5-5.40pm on Thursday 17 th September
Year 12	5-5.40pm on Wednesday 16 th September
Year 13	5-5.40pm on Wednesday 30 th September

Update from Co2035 from Ms. Loo and the Nursery team

A huge welcome to all our new families joining Nursery! It is just the beginning of your 15 year journey to university and we are here to help you succeed every step of the way. We also welcome two new staff joining our brilliant Nursery team. Ms Chicken & Ms Hastings are our new Teaching and Learning Assistants in RADA and Southbank respectively.

This week we have thoroughly enjoyed settling in our new to KSA children. One of the reasons we stagger our start dates is so we can really get to know each child and observe their interests and starting points. This helps us to plan effectively and ensure that our provision helps every child to learn and feel happy at school. It has been wonderful getting to know our new children. We have been very impressed with their courage saying goodbye to their parents and starting school for the first time. Thank you for helping this transition by being positive, supportive and excited about school.

If you missed our Early Years Induction meeting last week, please join Ms Deeks and myself this Tuesday 15th of September at 9.30 for more information about transition. Our Nursery Virtual Getting to Know You event will be on Wednesday 16th September at 5pm. You will have received a link to join these meetings via Microsoft Teams. We look forward to welcoming all our returning Nursery pupils next week – we have missed you!

Update on Co2034 from Ms. Lambourne and the Reception Team

It has been so exciting to see lots of our Reception children arriving for their first days in Reception. All of the adults have been super impressed by the teamwork and kindness shown so far. We look forward to welcoming the remainder of Surrey, Sheffield Hallam and Loughborough classes on Monday.

You will have noticed that your child has come home with seven reading books in their bag, please ensure that you read with your child **every day**. Please keep these books until next Friday when they need to be brought into school to be changed. This will happen every Friday. It is important that you child brings their green reading record into school each day. Please ensure that you complete the date, title, comment box and sign the record after you have read with your child, these books are closely monitored.

Homework will be given out on a Monday and should be returned the following Monday.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our Virtual Getting to Know You event on Tuesday 15th September at 5pm.

Update on Co2033 from Ms. Clark and the Year 1 team

Welcome back to a new school year! Ms Smith, Ms Salt and I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting all your children and we are excited to start learning together. The children are settling in well and we have seen them following the school values throughout the day. It has been a joy to see them playing together in their class bubbles.

This week, the children have been given a new reading record and enough books **to read one every night**, until Monday 14th September. They will then be given seven new books which they will keep for the week and swap on the following Monday. The teachers will be checking their reading records every morning to ensure that they are engaging with their story books. At the start of Year 1, we ask that every parent writes a comment in their child's reading record and then asks their child to sign

their name. This is to start getting the children into a routine so that they are ready to write their own comment in their reading record by the Spring term. So far, we have been very impressed with the level of engagement that we are seeing in reading records, thank you!

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our Virtual Getting to Know You event on Thursday 17th September, 5:00 – 5:45pm.

Update on Co2032 from Ms. Braiden and the Year 2 team

It has been wonderful to welcome all of the Year 2 pupils back this week. We have thoroughly enjoyed meeting all of our new pupils in our classes and getting to know them all this week. The pupils have had a fantastic week and have settled back into school life extremely well. This week the pupils have been practising the new school routines and learning all about the “Zones of Regulation.” We can’t wait to start our new topics next week and get immersed into learning. Our theme this year is Challenge and the children will be thinking about what they can overcome challenges throughout the year. This half term in reading, we are going to be reading a text called Vlad and the Great Fire of London. In Maths we will be thinking about place value in numbers up to 100. Please support your child in remembering their numbers bonds to 10, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and counting forwards and backwards from any number up to 100. Their science topic this half term will be materials and in Humanities they will be learning all about The Great Fire of London. Please support your child to read for 20 minutes, fill in their reading record daily and complete their daily homework. Homework books and reading diaries will be checked daily. We would appreciate if parents could sign their child’s reading record daily to confirm they have read. We can’t wait to see you all on Friday 18th September at 5pm for our Virtual Getting to Know You event.

Update on Co2031 from Ms. Holmes and the Year 3 team

Year 3 are delighted to have almost all of our pupils back in school. What a fantastic start you have all made to the year. The teachers have given out so many summit stamps and those marble jars are filling up quickly. This week we have been learning all about “zones of regulation and learning all about our new classes and routines.

We can’t wait to get stuck into our learning for the year. We are soon going to start learning all about the rainforest while reading “The Tin Forest”. In maths we are thinking about “numbers to 100”. Don’t forget to get your reading and homework completed every evening. We would love to see parent signatures next to the children's comments in the reading records.

Update on Co2030 from Ms. Becker and the Year 4 team

It has been fantastic welcoming the Year 4 pupils back to school over the last week. Ms Stone, Ms Jukes, Ms Swindells and Mr Shaw have been very excited to finally meet you all after having read your beautiful letters during the summer term. Thank you to all of you who have submitted their letters to their new teachers, it has been incredibly useful to learn more about every one of you.

This week Year 4 pupils practised their classroom and playground routines, and now are ready to lead the way in their behaviour at school. Pupils in 4 Durham, 4 Oxford and 4 Goldsmiths showed other values too by being kind and using lovely manners; by aiming high and having right uniform ready; and by working together and supporting one another in talk tasks. This week, all pupils received a new homework book as well a new reading record if they needed one. The expectation in Year 4 is that

every child reads every day for 30 mins and then complete their reading record with a reflection daily, including weekends. They use sentence starters given to prompt their thinking and they write in a sharp pencil. Once children completed their reflections, parents need to check it and sign. Please find homework expectations as well as weekly homework already stuck in your child's homework book.

We are looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday 22nd September at 5pm for our Home Learning Workshop!

Update on Co2029 from Mr. Howlett and the Year 5 team

It's a welcome not only for a new school year, but also to a new school building for lots of the year 5 pupils this week! Mr Louis-Marie, Ms Harrison, Ms Pymont and I have been thrilled to meet our new classes, with some familiar faces and some children we got to meet for the first time. All three classes have made a good first impression, and we are looking forward to them building on this over the coming weeks and months.

This week, all pupils received a DEAR Journal and their homework book. Your child will need to read for 30 minutes every night, and write a comment in their DEAR Journal, with the date, book title and three sentences using the sentence starters at the front of the DEAR Journal. Maths and English homework should be completed in your child's homework book each evening. We have been excited to see Year 5's eagerness to read and look forward to finding out about the books they are reading at home.

We are looking forward to seeing you on Monday 14th September at 5pm for our virtual Getting to Know you Event– we're the first ones in the whole school!

Update on Co2028 from Mr. Holmes and the Year 6 team

It's been great to have Year 6 back on the Junior School corridor this week for their final year in Primary as they continue to climb that mountain to university! Year 6 is always a special year that provides children the opportunity to really show off what they have learnt throughout the whole of primary in preparation for moving to year 7 next year and it is already obvious that the Class of 2028 are keen to rise to the challenge.

Mr Holmes, Mr Quinn, Ms Thomas, Ms Sharp, Ms Pollard and Ms Dejanovic have all enjoyed getting to know their new classes this week and we know that the children's specialist teachers are looking forward to meeting the classes again fully from next week. We have been impressed by the standards of DEAR Journal entries and homework submissions so far this week and want to thank you for your continued support with these.

The Year 6 teaching team want to give special shout outs this week to:

- Kadi for Leading the Way in every aspect of returning to school, whether that be tidying away equipment at the end of break time and activity or even for showing others what they should be doing throughout the lesson time.

- Fahad for Aiming High throughout his work, being brave to push himself with both asking and answering questions all week long.
- Rayyan for Aiming High in expectations of how work should be presented and taking time to produce well thoughtful work and excellent handwriting skills.
- Noor for Working Together as a role model for her peers in the way she has respectfully conducted herself in and out of class.
- Aayan for Being Kind and considerate and helping his partner.
- Fatimah for always Leading the Way and being an excellent role model to her teammates, consistently following instructions and trying her best in every lesson.

We look forward to seeing you for our Virtual Getting to Know You Dinner at 5:00pm on Monday 21st September!

Update on Co2027 from Ms. Griffiths and the Year 7 team

It's been a busy week of Transition Academy for the Co2027. All classes have done such a brilliant job and the Year 7 team have loved getting to know you. We've learnt about new routines, remote learning, the KSA Summit Values and we will be writing our Summit Goals this weekend. Well done to Afnan who has the top payslip this week on KSA£ 172. What an amazing achievement! Well done Co2027, we are so proud of all of your hard work this week and look forward to starting our normal subject lessons next week.

Update on Co2026 from Ms. Harvey and the Year 8 team

It has been wonderful to see the Co2026 back at school this week. They have made an excellent start to Year 8. Over the last two days we have learnt about the new things in place at school to keep us safe as well as learning about our new Year 8 timetable and how we will keep learning in Year 8. We are really excited for subject lessons to start on Monday. Please check in your child's timetable in their planner to support your child in getting ready for each day. Their homework timetable is in the front of their planner which details the homework your child has each day. Shout out to Ali A and Liza who have the highest payslips in the year across the last two days. Well done Ali and Liza.

Update on Co2025 from Ms. Tooze and the Year 9 team

Year 9 have hit the ground running with their first day of the new school year. It has been so lovely to have them back in school and see how much they have grown and matured over the unexpected extended hiatus. We are really excited for them to meet their new teaching team and begin working towards another successful year of learning. Shout out to Ali Khan for two star learners on one day. We look forward to speaking to you all for the Virtual Getting To Know You event at 5pm on the 24th of September.

Update on Co2024 from Mr. Barton and the Year 10 team

It's been a great start to the year for the class of 2024. The students have set an excellent impression on their new teachers in their lessons this week. In the first few days we have focused on "Upper School Transition", with students learning about the changes to school, setting ambitious goals, and

learning about effective study skills. The form tutors have some shout outs to students that have done a great job already:

10 UCL from Ms Moore: To Junaid for asking excellent and thoughtful questions, and to Maryam B for doing an incredible job of her first homework #aimhigh!

10 Brighton from Ms Holbrook: To Khodr and Tayba for asking loads of questions and setting incredible and ambitious BHAGs #leadtheway. Also, a big welcome to Mounia – you've set an amazing first impression.

10 Cardiff from Ms Oram: To Hamza for doing an amazing job of making our new students Quynh and Abdulrahman feel welcome and getting the most merits in the class so far. To Abdulah for setting an amazing BHAG. To Kaltouma for setting the standard in the class as to what top academic work looks like – what a team! #worktogether

We can't wait to get going with curriculum lessons next week!

Update on Co2023 from Ms. Mulvena and the Year 11 team

The Year 11 team were super excited to welcome Year 11 back to school today. We have had one day of induction and then we'll be straight into the important work of getting GCSE ready. I hope that parents can join us for Virtual Getting to Know You Event on Thursday 17th September, 5:00-5:45pm.

Update on Co2022 from Ms. Bristow and the Year 12 team

On Monday morning we welcomed the new Year 12 pupils into KSA Sixth Form. Since then, they have had two days of induction where they got to know the team and learned how to be successful in their new courses, as well as how to keep themselves and each other safe. It was particularly impressive to see new and old members of the CO2022 make each other feel welcome by getting to know new people. The pupils have made an excellent impression on teachers since beginning their subject lessons on Wednesday, and we are all excited to see them make progress. We would like to invite all parents of Year 12 pupils to our online Getting To Know You event on Wednesday 16th September at 5pm. During this meeting we will share key information and calendar updates about the year ahead. You will receive instructions on how to join in an email over the coming days. We look forward to speaking to you all then.

Update on Co2021 from Ms Mungur and the Y13 team

It has been fantastic to welcome the Y13 students back to KSA Sixth Form. We started their return with a day of induction, this was a great day where students really enjoyed seeing each other and their teachers again. The students have now thrown themselves back into their learning with a new appreciation for school, each other and their teachers. The students have been setting Visions for the year, and all of them have committed on one specific aspect of their education to focus on this half term!

Just a reminder that the A-level students have assessments next week, which will help us be able to give them UCAS predictions. Mrs Al-Hariri is also going to be meeting with each student individually

to discuss their university/ apprenticeship thoughts. Please do discuss with your children, what they want to do and where they want to go.

It has been so lovely to see all the students returning to school in their smart clothes looking professional. We are looking forward to making sure that all students feel comfortable being back in school and reassured by the measures we are all taking.