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Dear parents,

We're now well settled back into school routines at home this week. As the government starts to report that we are hopefully over the worst of the virus, we await more information from them next week about if and when schools will begin to open again. It is likely that we would not all be coming back to school at the same time and that school would look very different in the weeks and months ahead as we made sure that we were organising ourselves to maintain everyone's health and safety.

Please do have a look over the KSA [primary](#) and [secondary](#) twitter feeds to share in their wonderful updates – we feel very proud of you all!

Observing Ramadan during lockdown

We have talked to many families this week who have successfully adapted their family routines to observe Ramadan and still ensure their children are in good habits. It is so important that everyone is getting up in the morning, changing into different clothes for the day time and getting on with some school work and some daily exercise – whether we are fasting or not.

Onsite provision for small number of pupils

The Younger Years Site remains open to provide childcare provision for families who are vulnerable or where parents work in a role critical to addressing coronavirus. If you would like your child to access this provision, please do complete [this form](#) and we will get back to you as soon as possible to confirm what we are able to offer.

Providing this childcare provision safely and securely for children and staff requires careful planning, so please do try to give us as much notice as possible that you may wish to use it and please also only request it if it is impossible for you to make alternative arrangements for your children so that we can keep as many children and staff as safe as possible at home.

Support for families with children on Free School Meals

The next batch of vouchers has been processed by Edenred so should be with parents in the next few days. A reminder that any and all queries about FSM should be addressed to Cheryl Francis on c.francis@Kingsolomonacademy.org

Survey for all KSA families

As part of the Ark network, we are in discussions with Ark and the government about how best to support families at this time and in the future with technology. We and many other schools are relying on the technology at home, but we want to have an up to date understanding of all our families' situations. This way we and the wider Ark network can invest in the right support for our community.

Please take 5 minutes to fill out the survey here: [Technology at home link](#)

Online support for mental health and well-being at home

Mind is a charity working to improve mental health. The practitioners who normally work at school are now offering free psychoeducational workshops online during lockdown. These workshops will provide information and practical tips on how you and your child can stay healthy in these difficult circumstances. The workshops will cover the following topics:

- Mental health awareness

- Self-care and mindfulness
- Understanding anxiety
- Understanding low mood
- Understanding your child's behaviour

The workshops will be held via video call. If you are interested, please email parents@kingsolomonacademy.org with the workshop topic you would like to attend. We will then be in touch with more details.

Primary online tutorials this week

Thank you to all the very many parents who have worked so hard to organise your children to attend online tutorials this week – we have been delighted to see you all!

Some learnings this week in addition to the guidance we sent you:

- Start getting logged on 10 minutes before the official start time of the tutorial
- Remember to use the calendar invite to join the right meeting
- Have the workpack, whiteboard and pens ready in front of you!
- Be aware that we can see what is happening in the background of children's videos e.g. if mothers or older siblings not wearing headscarves
- Do stay with your child (on or off screen as you prefer!) to help them manage – you might also have fun yourself and be better able to support your child through the rest of the week
- Older siblings can also be very helpful supporting younger children online
- If children are using a phone rather than a computer or tablet, please help them stay seated in one place and prop the phone up before you start so the camera is stable
- If you're finding there is lots of feedback or an echo on the sound, turn off your microphone and turn the sound on your laptop down
- Write a note with tutorial day and times to stick up somewhere in the house!

Secondary form time and online lessons

It was great to see so many pupils in our Form Times on Monday – all the teachers really enjoyed checking in with their classes. Form Time will run again on Monday at the times listed below. Please support your child to get logged in so that they can join on time and don't miss any important announcements.

Year group	Form time every Monday at:
Year 7	9.15
Year 8	9.30
Year 9	9.45
Year 10	10.15
Year 11	10.30
Year 12	10.45
Year 13	11.00

This week in Form Time we are sharing some very exciting news about our **Enrichment Challenge** – a fun opportunity for pupils to take on extra-curricular challenges each week. We can't wait to see how creative our pupils can be!

Secondary pupils should now be accessing and submitting work on Microsoft Teams. We have also had lots of pupils learning live through Microsoft Teams lessons - they've been doing such an excellent job. We were particularly impressed by Year 10 Music who were getting to grips with rhythmic

notation with Ms Faleiro, with Shahed and Noor 'Leading the Way' by bravely asking and answering questions. Also a big shout out to Mariam and Sheymae who were 'Aiming High' by contributing articulately and confidently in French during their Year 12 French lesson on the film 'Au Revoir Les Enfants'. Live lessons on Microsoft Teams continue next week; pupils should check their email inbox for an invite to a lesson. Lessons will always take place at 9.15 or 10.15.

A reminder that everything you need to know about using Microsoft Teams is in the [video](#) from Week 1 here. If your child is having any problems joining Teams sessions or submitting work, please contact their form teacher or Head of Year for support.

Primary Maths leader board!

Here are the results from Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars websites. Remember both websites are a great way to keep your children practising maths skills in a fun, interactive way.

- For a third week in a row our gold medallist for Times Tables Rock Stars is Rayyaan in 5 Norwich!
- This week we have a new winner on Numbots! Well done Rován in 1 Nottingham Trent.
- It's great to see new names on the leader board!
- Can you challenge yourself to get in to the newsletter next week?

Rank NUMBOTS	Name	Class	Coins earned
1	Rovan	1NottinghamTrent	3443
2	Adam	RRADA	1472
3	Inaaya	1Lancashire	5952
4	Abdulrahman	1EdgeHill	2908
5	Omar	2Exeter	4304
6	Safiyyah	2Nottingham	37
7	Haajar	2Exeter	1239
8	Amal	RRADA	57
9	Sleyman	1EdgeHill	2114
10	Arkan	1Lancashire	47

Rank TTRS	Name	Class	Lifetime Earnings
1	Rayyaan	5Norwich	375571
2	Ayaan Ibrahim	5LeMans	369089
3	Zaid	5LeMans	335495
4	Ylli	4Durham	328384
5	Armin	3Birmingham	270709
6	Dominic	4Durham	166712
7	Mahammed	5Norwich	150584
8	Isa	2Exeter	87958
9	Amir	6Nottingham	52196
10	Anna	6Nottingham	14307

Team primary wish Ms. Bakkar well on maternity leave

Sonika Bakkar, our part-time primary maths lead, will be heading off on maternity leave next week. The primary staff will be sending her off with an online tea party and bake-off competition to add to

the fun! We know the whole primary community will want to wish her and her family well and we look forward to being able to share happy updates in the months to come.

Gold certificate from the London Children's Flower Society's Spring Bulb Competition

Children from King Solomon Academy's Younger Years Site have been awarded a [Gold certificate](#) from the London Children's Flower Society's Spring Bulb Competition. Congratulations everyone.

Since it started, more than 70 years ago, the London Children's Flower Society has helped thousands of school children to take an interest in growing flowers through their Spring and Summer Competitions. Approximately 200 schools across London take part in their competitions now.

The volunteer judge, Mr Creese, was very impressed with the beautiful array of daffodils which many children had grown at home and brought in to school for the Spring Bulb Competition display in March 2020.

Well done to all children who remembered to bring their daffodils in for the display and well done too to all of the children, staff and families who have taken a variety of plants home to care for and grow. We hope that you are continuing to grow and enjoy plants at home, whether they are flowers or edible plants.

We are very grateful to the Neighbourhood Keepers Programme and WCC, whose grants have enabled us to provide our Nature projects at both YYS and OYS. We are very grateful to Sophia and her team of Environmental tutors for their consistently exceptional work to promote the importance of horticulture.

We are very excited to see how your Little Seed Box planting goes next week and hopefully we will see how high your plants have grown in Half Term 6!

Update on Co2034 from Ms. Loo and the Nursery Team

It has been so great to see our Nursery pupils this week. We were so impressed by how ready to learn you all were! A big shout out to all your parents who helped you get into your tutorials and to stay focused and listen. A reminder that you will need your whiteboard and pen ready for each lesson, as well as a piece of home learning you've completed that week which you are especially proud of. We are looking forward to more joyous learning and connecting with you in our subsequent tutorials.

Northumbria team would like to give a shout out to Noor for consistently completing her home learning and the most beautiful, careful drawing of sound stories that we've seen. We also loved 'Noor the Superhero' and her wonderfully decorated mask!

Southbank team would like to shout out to Alia for her brilliant listening, participation and joining in during our first tutorials – what a role model for our team!

Update on Co2033 from Ms. Lambourne and the Reception team

This week has been an absolute joy to see your faces again during our online tutorials. It is brilliant to see how the children have remembered to come to their lessons prepared and to sit and listen well during their learning, we were blown away with how hard everyone tried. Great to see you all showcasing so many of our KSA values.

It has been wonderful to see so much cooking going on in Reception homes this week, with so many vegetables going into your soups you will be sure to stay strong and healthy. How lucky your mums and dads are to have such useful kitchen helpers!

Thank you to all the families who are consistently sending in photos and videos in, please remember to check the twitter feed for daily updates on the brilliant activities going on at home. Look out for Week 3 & 4 home learning packs arriving in the post, there is a little surprise in there for you! ✨

Update on Co2032 from Ms. Clark and the Year 1 team

Year 1 would like to give you all a massive well done for your hard work during tutorials this week. We had a brilliant turn out with almost every child attending their session. We were also impressed that you had all prepared by coming with your whiteboard and pen. Thank you parents for your commitment to turning up on time and supporting your children during their tutorials, it makes all the difference!

Miss Case would like to give Fatma and Manar a special shout out for their determination in getting onto their group call and not giving up when they found it tricky. They also worked hard throughout their whole tutorial. Well done, girls! Miss Clark would like to give a big shout out to Misha who has come to both of her tutorials with enthusiasm both times. She has also been prepared and ready to work hard...especially on Thursday when Miss Clark challenged the group with some tricky spellings. Great job, Misha! Miss Smith would like to shout out to Mustafa, who has been sending her lots of emails of the incredible work he is doing at home. Including some very neat writing in his home learning pack, practising his times tables and planting his own vegetables with his sister - great job Mustafa! Miss Apostolaki was super impressed with Abdulrahman this week for forming his letters correctly and successfully writing three sound words- amazing work!

We look forward to seeing you on Monday morning where we will continue with a new phonics sound. Please make sure you arrive 5 minutes before your tutorial time and remember to come prepared with your white board and pen. Have a great weekend and don't forget to continue sending us your pictures and videos!

Update on Co2031 from Ms. Braiden and the Year 2 team

This week, all of the Year 2 Team have really enjoyed seeing all of you in your tutorials. We want to say a huge well done and thank you to all of you, as you all came to your sessions so well prepared and ready to participate in the learning. It was so wonderful to see all of you joining your tutorials with such enthusiasm and a huge smile. The teachers were particularly impressed with how ready you were to give shout outs at the end of your tutorials to your friends and teachers. We were blown away by the kindness that you showed to your friends. We want to say a huge thank you to all of the parents for supporting their children to access and participate in the tutorials.

We hope you enjoyed your tutorials this week, and we can't wait to see you all again at the same times next week! Next week we will be focusing on arithmetic on Wednesday and English on Thursday, so please come to your tutorial with your English and arithmetic home learning packs and your whiteboards. Your teachers have really enjoyed seeing pictures of your work, so please do continue to send them any work that you feel particularly proud of.

Update on Co2030 from Ms. Holmes and the Year 3 team

Thank you and well done to everyone who attended the Y3 tutorials this week. The teachers loved seeing you all and were all so impressed by your work. Thank you for being so prepared and joining in so well. Thank you as well to all of your families for helping you to join the calls and joining in the learning! On Wednesday tutorial we will look at the arithmetic work from the 4th - 6th. Please try and have a go at this work before you attend the tutorial. We can't wait to see you again!

The teachers would love to say well done to Umary and Adam for being so thoughtful with their learning this week. We were blown away by the enthusiasm and smiling faces of Kareem, AJ, Walid and Jamil. Thank you to Arthur and Maryam for leading the way with your exemplary manners. Don't forget to keep emailing your teachers any work that you feel proud of, we can't wait to see you at our next tutorial.

Update on Co2029 from Ms. Becker and the Year 4 team:

The year 4 team had a great time seeing our pupils in tutorials this week – we were so impressed by their preparation, professionalism and participation! Good job on remembering to switch off your microphones when you join! We were so impressed by how many of you remembered to use the usual non verbals that we use in class – please continue using them. We also hope that you enjoyed seeing your teachers as well as your classmates. We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who have helped their children to join the tutorial or assisted their child during the tutorial.

We are really looking forward to seeing you again next week at the same time. Remember that we **will be doing arithmetic work on Tuesday and English on Thursday**. Next time you join the meeting, you will see a picture of the page from the Home Learning Pack you will be working from in that tutorial. **Please prepare your pack and open it at the right place to start your learning promptly!** We will be looking for pupils who are aiming high. Some special shout outs this week go to:

- Amal, Tasneem and Hanna in 4 New York for submitting extended writing outcomes to their teachers. We were impressed by the neat presentation and joined handwriting.
- Yahya for super focus during the session with Mia for more than 90mins
- Eva for exemplary work in her HLP and enthusiasm in tutorials
- Hafsa and Ludo for the use of non-verbals and showing that they are ready during the online tutorials.

Update on Co2028 from Mr. Howlett and the Year 5 team:

The Year 5 team have immensely enjoyed seeing all our students again this week in our tutorials. Thank you to all the parents who helped their children negotiate some technical difficulties to be able to join the calls with their teachers and friends. We were really impressed with the effort all the children had put into their home learning work, both in terms of quality of content and the presentation so a massive well done!

We all look forward to seeing you for our tutorials in the coming weeks – **maths on Tuesday and English on Thursday**. Make sure you have your work packs and whiteboards!

The team would also like to give special shout-outs to the following children:

- Meron who has developed a huge range of new cooking skills during her time at home. You can see pictures of Meron getting stuck in on the Twitter page!
- Ashmita for aiming high with some excellent extended writing across a range of genres while completing her work pack.
- Amira for leading the way with her positivity and engagement on her first tutorial. Amira asked excellent questions and showed her team mates a superb Humanities extension task.

- Ayaan for adapting and thinking creatively by using the chat function after his camera broke in tutorial. Ayaan's fast typing skills saved the day and still he joined in with his group and responded to his teacher's questions.
- Hyder for aiming high with his excellent participation and enthusiasm in his first online tutorial this week.
- Hanisa for demonstrating our value of being kind by recognising the efforts of her teammates in her first online tutorial.

Update on Co2027 from Mr. Holmes and the Year 6 team

The whole of the Year 6 team have loved seeing everyone again during tutorials this week! It was great to see resilience to work out the technology and the teamwork you demonstrated to solve problems as they arose. Most importantly, however, was the work that so many of you have obviously put in on your home learning packs and in the tutorials themselves. Keep it up!

Many of you will already have received the work packs for HT5 Weeks 3 & 4. To help families checking work at home, we have now added the answers for the English pack for these weeks to the [English Padlet](#). Next week's tutorials will be based on **English on Monday** and **Maths on Wednesday**, focussing in on week 3 of the HT5 pack.

One highlight of this week was an amazing tweet we received from Nizrana Farook, the author of The Girl Who Stole an Elephant, praising Tamana's writing based on her book! Keep up the fantastic writing, Tamana. You should be very proud!

https://twitter.com/KSA_Primary/status/1255024911883665409

Other shout outs from the Year 6 team this week go to:

- Muzrib and Tudor, for being the first on their tutorials for both days this week, being prepared and Aiming High with their engagement.
- Sophia for a great explanation of ratio during her tutorial.
- Sadia, who wrote an eye-opening acrostic poem about homelessness.
- Hadi & Mazin for being super prepared and organised so that they can make the most of the time on their tutorials.
- Aaron for aiming high with some fantastic short division work.
- Dhiksha for being well prepared for tutorials.
- Yasmin for her high engagement and patience throughout the tutorials.
- Aiden for being brave in his tutorial and giving a great explanation of how he solved a tricky ratio problem.
- Umar for aiming high in his tutorial, he was very well prepared and was able to share his home learning with great confidence which made him a good role model for the others in his tutorial group
- Yoosef & Anna for quick thinking during their tutorials to solve problems.

Update on Co2026 from Ms. Griffiths and the Year 7 team

Year 7 have been producing some incredible work this week. Year 7's quality of work and the pride they are taking in their presentation is brilliant. We enjoyed hearing from you collectively in form time on Monday morning. As a reminder, this will take place every Monday at 9.15 on Microsoft Teams. There is more information for students about this in my assembly today.

Shout outs this week go to Hany for big improvements in the quality of his work. His Maths work is on Twitter. Additionally, Leon and Malik have submitted their entries to the Getty Museum Challenge. Look out for more enrichment challenges in my assembly for you to do over the next week. There are lots more celebrations of excellent work in my assembly – well done to all!

Keep up the hard work Year 7! You have been so resilient, and I am very proud that you are aiming high in your learning every day.

Update on Co2025 from Ms. Tooze and the Year 8 team

Year 8 are well into the swing of HT2 now with countless exceptional submissions from across the whole year group in all subjects. As a team we are incredibly proud of the work our students are putting in and we are enjoying sharing high quality work with one another.

The highlight from the week has to be virtually reuniting for form time on Monday with both classes being able to reconnect with their form tutors and each other. Mr Chapman and Ms Rooeen were really impressed with the professionalism students displayed using online platforms and were thrilled to see so many of their form getting involved. They miss you all a lot.

Looking forward I am excited to see how they all get on with Animal Farm over the next few weeks. Make sure you look out for enrichment challenges that will be shared out this week, we would love lots of them to get involved with.

Update on Co2024 from Mr. Barton and the Year 9 team

It was such a pleasure to see so many students in form time on Monday morning. We were able to celebrate the exceptional work being done by so many students and had a bit of fun at the expense of the teachers as well! We hope to be able to see everyone next Monday at 9:45 on Teams.

This week I'd love to give a shout-out to Rawan JW and Danya, whose exceptional artwork I have displayed in this week's assembly and on our Twitter page https://twitter.com/KSA_Secondary/status/1255858071856914432. The care and effort that has gone into their drawings is commendable. Both have achieved a high level of realism in the detail through their intelligent use of shading. Extra shout outs to Emmanuel, Rena and Zainab who all received two or more nominations for top work of the week so far in different subjects!

We continue to be so impressed by the efforts of the year group, with every student engaging in their work despite some having to show some severe perseverance with their technology! Well done and keep this up!

Update on Co2023 from Ms. Mulvena and the Year 10 team

It was lovely to virtually conduct Form Time on Monday this week. We enjoyed giving lots of shout outs, showing payslip, and hearing pupil contributions to our Good News Quiz. We look forward to seeing even more of year 10 online next Monday at 10.15 with their tutors. We encourage all pupils to re-watch the assembly about Teams if they are unsure how to get in, as our live online tutorials have started this week for some subjects, and we want to ensure that all pupils can access this great resource for their learning.

Big shout outs to the following pupils who are straight back into great routines, submitting all work on time and complete each day by 4pm: **Kyle, Andi, Alfie, Ayah A in Leeds; Samiya, Mina, Aysha, Alaa,**

Younas, Selma, Ijaz, Zaara, and Ishaq in Durham; and Ahmad W, Nooruddin, Abdelmoumen, Alishba, and Akram in Bristol. So many superstars!

Update on Co2022 from Ms. Harvey and the Year 11 team

Year 11 started Week 2 with their first ever online form time on Monday morning. It was so brilliant to hear so many of them back together with their form tutors on MS teams. It also gave Year 11 the opportunity to ask questions they had about cohort choices and Bridging courses. Ms Ashcroft, Ms Harford and Mr Latimir were able to check in with their form and share some helpful tips on learning from home. We are really looking forward to our next form time on Monday at 10.30. It would be great if you could check that your child knows how to get onto this call. If they need any help in accessing MS teams they should watch the assembly by Ms Williams or contact their form tutor ahead of Monday.

We have again been really impressed by many Year 11 students who have been completing work every day. Shout outs to **Sarah N, Farouk, Mahmoud I, Hajer, Gabriel, Yusuf, Abrar, Mounir, Sulaiman, Fatima A, Houria, Kidus, Sarah E, Temi, Farra, Abi and Heba** who have submitted all work set for them by 4pm each day this week. These pupils are demonstrating huge amounts of resilience, independence and are working hard to complete their GCSE learning and get themselves ready for September. Well done team!

Update on Co2021 from Ms Mungur and the Year 12 team

Another productive week in Year 12, but the highlight has got to be the form times that were run on Monday at 10.45. Such a great way to start the week with lots of students commenting on how nice it was to speak to their form tutors and to each other too. This will be running every week at 10.45am on Microsoft Teams. Look out for some fun quizzes, and please encourage your child to get involved!

Lots of year 12's are getting themselves into good routines, and producing some really high quality work (look out for examples in the student newsletter, sent on Friday's). However, there are some students who would benefit from writing themselves a timetable and setting their alarms to that they can make all their online lessons. These are important for the students to get in-put and teaching from their fantastic teachers, and to also ask questions of things they were unsure of. It would be great for you to encourage them too!

We are looking forward to launching a 'seminar series' with the Year 12's. This will involve employers, and some teachers, running sessions on specific areas relevant to business, current affairs or subjects that will be fascinating and developmental for the students to join. This is also a great opportunity to experience how learning happens at university. Look out for the sign-up sheet next week.

Hope you all have a good weekend, and please keep reminding the Year 12's to check their emails every day! An assembly will be sent round from Mr Tindell tomorrow.

Update on Co2020 from Ms Manley and the Y13 team

It was fantastic to have lots of Year 13s join us for their first online form time on Monday! Whilst students have been regularly hearing their teachers voices, the students really enjoyed hearing each other again and making contributions as they usually do at school! Fawziah shared that she loved the positivity and joy in form time as she heard her peers give each other shouts outs for the care, support and entertainment they have been providing one another during this time. Each tutor prepared an activity for their form – Mrs Styles 'Lockdown Bingo' in 13 Fuji was a great, fun-fuelled activity with Amnah coming out victorious! Ms Hudson hosts a weekly quiz on a Thursday for Year 13 students to stay connected and Mr Docherty is continually sharing his favourite sporting activities and challenges to ensure that Year 13 are staying active!

A-Level students in Year 13 are now being set weekly work by their subject teachers to ensure that students continue to make great progress and they feel prepared to thrive at university or on their apprenticeships next year. Sukaina has relished the opportunity already this week and has shared all the wider reading she has prepared ahead of her starting a politics course at university in September! Year 13 French students are doing a final 'Speaking Performance' on Friday where they are going to showcase all the research they had prepared for their A level exams in the summer. Fawziah will be analysing the impact of Cannes Film Festival, Fatima will be exploring the impact of rap music and Serine will be presenting on the role of the fashion industry in France. Heading into Week 3, A level students should be continuing to engage with their weekly work, should be researching their accommodation options at university and BTEC Business students should be continuing to work hard on their coursework. Great job team and have a lovely weekend!