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Dear parents,

We continue to work hard to be ready for a possible re-opening of the school further to the information Mr. Haimendorf sent home earlier this week which you can re-read [here](#). The government has provisionally suggested 1st June as the date from which schools may be able to start welcoming pupils back in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. We will also be welcoming back pupils with EHC Plans in all year groups across primary and secondary, alongside a number of other vulnerable pupils on both sites.

Of course, we will only be re-opening if and when the government measures report that it will be safe to do so. We are taking lots of advice and guidance on how to organise possible groupings of pupils and staff, what the timings of the sessions could be and what activities pupils would be safe to do onsite. We will be in touch again early next week with more detailed information.

Please be aware that, whatever we are doing with provision in the weeks and months ahead, Monday 1st June is now going to be a training day for staff so there will be no online learning set, no tutorials and very few pastoral calls.

In the meantime, and in amongst any worries you may be feeling, please do have a look over the KSA [primary](#) and [secondary](#) twitter feeds to share in daily updates from teachers across the age ranges – there's a lot of joy to be found in the brilliant work our pupils are doing at home!

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. The provision is only open to the children of keyworkers during the half term break.

There will be no provision on Friday 22nd May so we can prepare Younger Years Site for possible re-opening from 1st June.

If you need 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.

Primary home learning and online tutorials this week

The vast majority of primary pupils are now attending two tutorials a week, and everyone appears to be really enjoying them! In tutorials next week, we will be spending time talking to pupils in N,R, Y1 and Y6 about what coming back to school might be like as and when we know it is safe to do so.

Please be aware there will be no tutorials on Friday 22nd May as we prepare for reopening with staff before their half term break.

It is possible the tutorial model for Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5 may need to look very different after half term as we prepare to re-open the school for N, R, Y1 and Y6. We will of course continue the home learning packs for Y2-Y5 and keep in regular contact with all families. We will be able to tell you more in next week's newsletter.

Primary families should have received a new home learning pack in the post for next week and activities for the half term holiday. Please email parents@kingsolomonacademy.org if it has not yet arrived.

Secondary form time and online lessons

- We continue to be impressed by the excellent work Secondary pupils are submitting which shows their dedication to continue learning. A reminder that pupils should be submitting work at 4pm every day on Microsoft Teams. The way to do this is:
 - Log in to Microsoft Teams using your KSA email address through this link <https://products.office.com/en-gb/microsoft-teams/download-app>
 - Click on the 'Teams' tab (on the left hand side) and then click on your class Team (I.e. Y8 French)
 - Click on 'Assignments' and select today's task
 - Click on 'Add work' at the bottom of the page
 - Select your work from your One Drive or click 'upload from my device' and select your work
 - Click 'Attach'
 - Click 'Hand in' in the top right hand corner
- Form time continues every Monday – teachers are having such a great time connecting with their classes through form time each week, sharing important announcements and fun challenges.

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

- All pupils in Year 7-10 should be submitting an extended DEAR journal once a week. They should be reading every day for 30 minutes. If they have run out of books to read at home, they can listen to thousands of books online for free here: <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>.
- We are excited that Year 11 will be moving on to their Bridging Work for the next part of their academic journey next week. Teachers have been planning lots of exciting sessions to take place on MS Teams at the start of next week to kick off their bridging curriculum – we can't wait to get started.

Primary 24 Peak Challenge for over half term!

The **24 Peak Challenge** is a booklet of different activities for families to enjoy doing together over the half term holidays. Please choose the ones that most appeal to your family and have some fun. We would love photos of you doing the activities to share on twitter. Please email them to p.matthews@kingsolomonacademy.org if you are happy for us to share them.

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.

Well done to Yusho in 2 Nottingham for being top of the Numbots Leader Board for a 3rd week in a row! Children in Y2, make sure to challenge yourselves on Times Table Rock Stars next week!

There is massive news in the Times Tables Rock Stars Leader Board! Armin in Year 3 has jumped from 3rd place to 1st place! Well done Armin. We are really proud of you!

Numbots Leader Board

Rank	Name	Class	Coins Earned
1	Yusho	2Nottingham	64600
2	Vedad	RSheffieldHallam	43961
3	Emily	1Lancashire	43020
4	Neel	RSheffieldHallam	41266
5	Wendao	RRADA	32309
6	Ziya	RRADA	28784
7	Shadi	2Exeter	22340
8	Hashem	1Lancashire	21892
9	Kenzy	1EdgeHill	17196
10	Akito	RSurrey	16040

Times Tables Rock Stars Leader Board

Rank	Name	Class	Lifetime Earnings
1	Armin	3Birmingham	450154
2	Ayaan Ibrahim	5LeMans	379161
3	Rayyaan	5Norwich	375571
4	Zaid	5LeMans	369321
5	Ylli	4Durham	329314
6	Fahad	5Norwich	245501
7	Anna	5Norwich	239378
8	Dominic	4Durham	169233
9	Shadi	2Exeter	155246
10	Mahammed	5Norwich	150584

Update on Co2034 from Ms. Loo and the Nursery Team

The Nursery team continue to be amazed at the quality of home learning the Nursery children have produced – talk about ‘aiming high’! This week we have seen some brilliant weaving to make Handa’s basket, fantastic alliterative phrasing, not to mention excellent progress in handwriting. It has also been pleasing to see most of our children attending our tutorials where they work hard, listen and join in beautifully.

Northumbria team would like to give a shout out to Luth who consistently sends in amazing home learning. He has made some very good progress with his cutting skills and we love the way he attempts a full variety of activities from the menu. What a great role model for his peers!

Southbank team would like to mention Zeinab for her positive attitude and concentration during tutorials. She is working hard to do her very best. Well done Zeinab!

Update on Co2033 from Ms. Lambourne and the Reception team

This week your story writing has knocked our socks off! It shows how hard you have all been trying in your phonic tutorials as well as all the other home learning you have been completing. The great thing is that now you have written one story, you can change your settings, characters and events and write endless stories! Make sure you check the KSA twitter stream if you haven't read your friend's stories yet.

We have also enjoyed hearing about lots of you heading outside into the lovely fresh air to get more daily exercise. There have been some very exciting activities going on in the local parks: ball catching competitions, bike rides around the parks and even hopping races.

Looking forward to seeing you all in our Monday tutorials. Make sure you are on time and have your white board and pen ready. Have a wonderful weekend 😊

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

We've thoroughly enjoyed seeing almost all of you on your tutorials this week. We are constantly amazed by your positive behaviour, hard work and determination. We've also loved receiving videos and pictures of extra activities you are doing with your families. There are children going on bike rides, making paper families and even growing butterflies in their own home!

Miss Smith would like to give a shout out to Miss Smith would like to give a shout out to Layla for Being Kind in every tutorial by showing impeccable manners, supporting others and always having a big smile on her face! Mrs Juid would also like to give a shout out to Aaban for doing extra learning at home this week and exploring more challenging books in his house, such as learning about the eye and it's functions. Miss Case would like to give Ozair and his family a shout out for Working Together to support each other and his team in their home-learning, Aliya for Aiming High in her home-learning by editing and improving her home-learning work, and to Marya for Leading the Way as a role-model who shows exemplary behaviour and positivity in every tutorial. Miss Clark has been impressed by Ramzi who always comes to his tutorials prepared and speaks with a loud and proud voice. He is making sure his handwriting is neat when he is using his whiteboard and challenges himself to write longer sentences by using conjunctions in all his sentences. Well done for Aiming High, Ramzi!

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

What another fantastic week it has been! The Year 2 teachers have been so impressed by your enthusiasm and excellent participation in your tutorials this week. We were so pleased to see nearly all of you in your tutorials this week. We have had some fantastic work sent to us this week, which shows us that you are continuing to demonstrate the school value of aiming high whilst you are learning from home. Keep up the amazing work Year 2! We would love to see more pictures of your work so please do continue sending them to your class teacher. This week you will be receiving new home learning packs for week 5 in the post, so please do look out for these and make sure that you are starting on your new packs on Monday. Next Wednesday, please bring your English pack along with you to your tutorial as we will be looking at and discussing a writing task that you have completed. There will be no tutorials on Friday as we are going to be preparing for children returning to school after half term. Have a wonderful weekend Year 2 and we can't wait to see you all next Wednesday.

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

The year 3 teachers are so pleased that we got to see almost all of you on tutorials this week, thank you and well done for joining us! Don't forget that you need to have the correct home learning pack with you, have a look at the dates on the front covers to help. If you aren't sure which subject we are doing, bring both booklets! I am so please to see a Year 3 topping the

TTR leader board, great work Armin. I know lots of you are getting very good at Times Tables using TTR, keep it up! The teacher wanted to give some shout out to some pupils this week:

- Well done Anaya for using awesome expression when reading in the tutorial this week.
- Hytham was so brave to read to his group.
- Zeina used a wonderfully clear and loud voice when reading, very well done.
- Jamil and Isa are showing awesome progress in reading. They used beautiful intonation and added great drama to the story.
- Zubair blew Miss E-J away with his thoughtful and deep ideas on the characters of Rabbit and Bear.
- Yumnah was a ball of enthusiasm throughout her tutorial.
- Sophia has turned in a tech pro and was kind enough to share some top tips with her group.
- Finally, all the grown-ups and brothers and sisters helping Y3 access the weekly tutorials – it's not always easy, thank you!

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

Year 4 had yet another fantastic week because of excellent tutorial attendance and stunning work submitted to teachers. Children are getting ever better in preparing for the tutorials, getting the right equipment and resources ready which means that we can maximise our learning time as much as possible. Do not forget that the following Tuesday you will need to have your Maths pack with you, whereas on Thursday you will read from your English pack. It is important to have a whiteboard and a whiteboard pen close to do some working out or write down your answers. Keep on working hard, aiming high and leading the way, our Year 4 super learners!

Some special shout outs this week go to:

- Tasneem for creatively capturing her everyday life whilst she is staying safe at home.
- Hanna for sharing photos of some of the goodies she has planted during the school closure.
- Joachim for staying on busy on the TTRS app to uplevel his rock status.
- Amna and Abudi for consistently sending completed work form their HLPs.
- Hadi for working hard on his HLP and sharing his proudest work with Mr Shaw.
- Eva for consistently leading her way with the HLP completion.
- Hooriya, Saja, Najat and Rayan for organisation and preparation for her tutorials.
- Abdulla for consistently excellent writing, including different features appropriate to that text type, responding to feedback and editing his work.
- Waleed and Dominic for their brilliant contributions and focus during tutorials.
- Saif for incredibly hard work at home on his HLP.
- Eddie for working very hard on HLP and awesome participation in tutorials.
- Aya for challenging herself in her writing and producing great work.
- Fajer - Leading the Way with participation in tutorials.

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

Now into our third week of tutorials, the year 5s have been sharing more and more of their great work from across the curriculum. It's been great to how the children have developed the organisational skills to ensure they have all their work completed and that they have all their equipment ready for their tutorials. We have also been really impressed with Year 5's punctuality at their tutorials, which has meant we can maximise our learning time!

Special shout-outs this week go to:

- Nashmin for aiming high and being brave in sharing her fantastic creative writing description in her tutorial to her teammates.
- Yassin for leading the way in his tutorials by always being prepared and contributing enthusiastically.
- Aimar has been creative this week, and Mr Chandler was very impressed with the superhero concept he created in his English work pack. His superhero, who hails from Jupiter, transported to Earth to save positive numbers from the tyranny of being turned negative.
- Layith has led the way in tutorials by giving a specific shout out to someone different in his team each time. It is great to have a team-mate so eager to draw out the positives in others.
- Alaa has given really detailed answers in all her interactions in our tutorials and always brings a smile and a kind attitude to our sessions.
- Adam R has been very prepared for all his tutorials and works with great focus during our time together to ensure he gets the most out of his learning.

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

Happy would-have-been-SATs-week-under-normal-circumstances! It's rather odd to think that this week would have been the culmination of so much of the hard work you put in this year. We remain very proud of your effort, dedication and the progress you have all made. The work that you've done this year, and continue to do at home, will set you up well for progress into secondary next year. We look forward to, hopefully, seeing you all again soon and being able to celebrate this important part of your school lives together. Until then, keep working hard, stay safe and we'll see you on tutorials!

Shout outs this week go to:

- Alfie for leading the way in his tutorials by always being ready with his work and really engaged with the session. His enthusiasm has really rubbed off on the rest of the group too!
- Azad for some strong work in his maths tutorial completing short division and identifying errors.
- Ali for some excellent whiteboard work during his tutorial.
- Nermin for her organisation and general preparation ahead of this Wednesday's tutorial!
- Hali for a great maths tutorial this week, being very engaged and giving great explanations which helped her team mates to succeed.
- Hadeel for her commitment and hard work throughout her tutorials this week!
- Reem for being so well prepared for and willing to contribute to tutorials.
- Shahad for her organisation and promptness sending a variety of work through to Mr Holmes this week.
- Archie for consistently leading the way and aiming high throughout his tutorials.
- Salma for her excellent redraft of her toy description, taking on feedback to improve her work in a brilliant manner.
- Yahya for a great maths tutorial this week, being very engaged and giving great explanations which helped his team mates to succeed.
- Hayah for identifying and correcting errors effectively in her maths work.
- Taj for being so well prepared for and willing to contribute to tutorials.
- Sophia for the wide range of high-quality work she has sent through, complete with lots of edits to improve several pieces.

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

We are so pleased to be seeing more excellent work being produced this week. When students' work is submitted it will be marked as E (excellent) P (present, good), L (late) or I (incomplete). Every day more and more Year 7s are taking huge pride in their presentation and quality of work and being awarded Es. See the shout outs below for more information about this excellent work. We continue to enjoy catching up with parents and students over the phone and hearing about what you're up to. Thank you to Ghassaan and his family for sending us a video of Ghaassan's home made robotic car- how impressive!

Shout outs this week go to:

- Ranim and Marwa Shohid for top payslips (at time of writing!) or £145. They have both submitted 9 pieces of 'excellent' work!
- Aliyah, Malik, Omnya, Anxhela, Filsan and Abdullah have all submitted 8 pieces of excellent work.
- Daniel J, Malik, Alyas, Bawar and Bawan for being on time and working so diligently in their online strings lessons.
- Rami for his interesting and polite conversations with me every morning.
- Yacob for always being so polite on the phone.
- Nouf for the huge improvement in her quality of work.

Keep working hard and taking part in the enrichment challenges. New ones will be released on Monday.

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

Year 8 once again continue to impress their teachers with the quality and quantity of the work that they are producing. It has been such a pleasure looking through so much of the work the year 8 team have been sharing and we are very proud of the independence and resilience the students are all showing. I was particularly impressed with Katerine's Enrichment Challenge art work and I hope to see more submissions from year 8 over the next few weeks. As always thank you families for your continued support in navigating remote learning, it is such a joy talking to so many of you over the phone.

Shout Outs

- Ali G for brilliant effort in Science
- Anya for depth in her English work
- Leen for neat and organised English work
- Ozma for impressive analysis in Geography
- Stela for a creative Music composition
- Abdallah for accurate indices work in Maths

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

Year 9 continue to blow us away with the quality of their remote learning. Zainab has achieved four 'excellents' so far for her work this week including a powerful spoken word piece on the conflict in Palestine. Rena, Roshni, Sam, Laith, Precious, Merouane, Elias, Mani, Hamza, Haidar, Shayma, Bassil, Dawud and Mahdi all sit proudly at the top of the payslip tree with over £100 in just three days! We are so impressed by the bucket loads of independence you are showing in your learning. We continue to be thankful to you as parents for your continued

support in ensuring that students are completing their work. This is going to set them up in good stead for the beginning of their GCSE journey next year.

With regards to transition to Year 10, a few students and parents have begun asking about how that will be carried out in our current remote situation. We are currently working hard to finalise plans on this and will be in touch in the coming weeks to inform you.

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

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for Parent Information via Teams on Wednesday evening.; we hope that you found it useful to hear a bit more about our planning and thinking around year 10's GCSE journey. It was lovely to share some highlights of pupil work, including Faizah and Alaa's essays in History and English, Farjana's Maths, Ahmed, Venus and Fatima's Geography, and Fahmidah's Science work. Year 10 continue to have live tutorials in Science (Wednesday and Friday); Music (Monday) and Maths (Wednesday and Thursday) - please ensure that you are checking your emails and outlook calendar to make the most of this amazing resource of teacher time!

Big shout outs this week to Hussein, Basma, Naima, and anyone else who has achieved 100% submissions this week for the first time. We're really proud of you!

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

Year 11 have been working really hard in their last week of GCSE learning. We have been really impressed by how many Year 11s have been in contact with their teachers asking for extra GCSE work as they get ready to end GCSE learning and start Bridging work next week. Particular shout out to the following students who have submitted every piece of work on time this week: **Sally, Sarah N, Yaseen B, Malak, Mahmoud I, Hajer, Yassine S, Yusuf, Mounir, Sarah E, Temi, Sara A, Sulaiman, Safiya, Houria, Farrah and Fatima N**. Also shout outs to **Sarah E** and **Fatima N** who have had 4 out of 6 pieces of work marked as exemplary this week. Huge well done.

All students now know which cohort they are in for Bridging work. We are really excited for Year 11 to be starting this new phase next week. The work that has been planned for them looks incredible and will be an exciting opportunity for Year 11 to get ready for September.

We have loved supporting your child through completing their GCSE course. We are really proud of Year 11 and can't wait for what you achieve in your Bridging courses.

Update on Co2021 from Ms Mungur and the Year 12 team

We are at the end of what has been a fantastic week. There have been 18 seminars running over the 5 days with 135 sign ups from the students. Particular shutouts to those students that have attended the most seminars this week: Suad, Azizah, Saimah, Masuma, Nazifa M.

Another lovely form time was had on Monday. Don't forget this happens every Monday morning 10.45am. Attendance will be really important for students on Monday, as we are giving them information about their end of year assessments, please encourage them to attend.

We continue to be really impressed with a large majority of the Year 12s, who are completing exemplary work week after week. Check out the students Y12 newsletter to see specific examples.

Important information will also be sent out to the parents of Y12 students, about a parent information evening happening on Wednesday 20th May at 5pm. Keep a look out for more information coming on this from Mr Tindell.

Update on Co2020 from Ms Manley and the Y13 team

Year 13 have been doing a really good job this week preparing for their next steps and working hard to complete their Business coursework, which is due on Friday. Students have been showing huge levels of independence, commitment and bravery. We are very proud of all you have done and achieved!

Sadly, Friday marks the day we say farewell to Year 13 remote learning. We hope that students use this time away from remote learning to engage in wider reading, plan and prepare their next steps and support their families, friends and communities in the best way that they can. Students should ensure that they have completed student finance, have applied to bursaries if applicable, have submitted their UCAS choices, have researched and selected their university accommodation, applied to apprenticeships as well as researched clearing and adjustment options. It is important that Year 13 students reach out if they need any advice or support – your Year 13 teachers and the Sixth Form team will continue to be here for you! Keep an eye out for emails and updates from Mr Tindell, Ms Manley and Ms Al-Hariri over the coming weeks and months and do make sure you are around on results day on 13th August so that we can ensure you get the right support.

Students will be sent their final newsletter on Friday – please make sure you and the students have a read of it! Staff have written some lovely, thoughtful messages and given some wonderful advice. We hope that we can celebrate Co2020's success on 13th August and we will be thinking of ways that we can say a final farewell in person – it would be lovely to see both students and parents before students start their next adventures.

We are very sad to say goodbye to a wonderful, talented, opinionated and energetic Co2020 – we wish you all the luck in the world for your next steps and please do stay in touch!