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Dear parents,

We have welcomed back many more children to both the Younger and Older Years Sites this week and it has been such a delight to see them all again. We have been hugely impressed by how maturely your children have handled the changes we have made to keep everyone safe and well.

We also know that for many of our pupils, it is a disappointment not to be able to come back. We promise we're going to keep on working just as hard to support you in your learning at home every day. *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!*

### **Primary home learning in HT6**

A reminder that we have asked all parents in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 again today if any of you have changed your minds and would now like your children to return from 15<sup>th</sup> June. If you think you should have received the survey and haven't, please contact Cheryl on [c.francis@kingsolomonacademy.org](mailto:c.francis@kingsolomonacademy.org)

#### **A) What support can I expect at home for my children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 if we have decided to keep them at home?**

- We will continue to provide you with home learning packs for as long as we have the capacity to do so;
- There will no longer be daily videos or online tutorials in these year groups;
- Pastoral phone calls will continue with the same frequency as this term;
- We will talk to you each week about returning to school.

#### **B) When will Year 2-Year 5 be invited back to school?**

In the first guidance from the government, there was a mention of Year 2-Year 5 coming back before the holidays but we have had no further guidance on this since. For the time being, we are not expecting to be welcoming back these pupils and they will continue to work at home.

#### **C) What support can I expect at home if I have children in Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 or Year 5?**

Whilst we are having to ask some staff from these year teams to join the onsite provision, we think it is really important to continue supporting your children's home learning as much as possible as you do not have the choice to send your children into school. As a result, we are committed to ensuring:

- Children in Year 2-5 will continue to be sent home learning packs;
- Daily videos will continue to be posted on the KSA YouTube channel;
- Tutorials will continue in their current format for at least the first two weeks of next half term and for as long as possible, although there may need to be changes to the times and numbers of pupils in a group later on in the half term;
- Pastoral phone calls will continue with the same frequency as this term but might be with a different member of staff instead.

### **Secondary remote learning**

Lots of pupils have made an excellent start to the half term with their Remote Learning – their motivation and independence is awesome.

You can continue to help your child to be successful with remote learning by:

- Ensuring they get up and start working each day by 9am so they can submit their work on time

- Reminding them to take short breaks every hour while they are working, where they get up and move around
- Making sure they check their email regularly so they are up to date with any announcements or updates from their teachers
- Supporting them to get logged on to Microsoft Teams for their online lessons
- Checking they have submitted their work at 4pm
- Encouraging them to spend some time away from screens after they finish work each day (I.e. going on a socially distanced walk, getting some exercise)

Form times will be running again on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June. We'll be hearing shout outs for each form and sharing the [Enrichment Challenge](#) entries – we are looking forward to seeing lots of pupils there. Please do help them to get up and online to join.

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

### **Primary Half Term 24 Peak Challenge**

Well done to all of those who participated in the 24 Peak Challenge over half term! A big shout out to Mahrukh in Year 1 Lancashire who completed lots of challenges including making a bouncy egg!

The 24 Peak Challenge Playlist is still on YouTube so please continue to do challenges at home and have fun!

### **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 Armin in Year 3! Yusho also remains the gold medallist on the Numbots Leader Board. Well done to the whole top ten! Remember to keep practising even if you're coming back to school.

### **Numbots Leader Board**

Rank	First Name	Class	Coins Earned
1	Yusho	2Nottingham	80696
2	Emily	1Lancashire	70001
3	Vedad	RSheffieldHallam	61257
4	Neel	RSheffieldHallam	47169
5	Wendao	RRADA	32309
6	Ziya	RRADA	28784
7	Hashem	1Lancashire	24409
8	Shadi	2Exeter	22501
9	Manxue	RRADA	22051
10	Akito	RSurrey	21977

## **Times Tables Rock Stars Leader Board**

Rank	Name	Class	Total coins
1	Armin	3Birmingham	459457
2	Shadi	2Exeter	427500
3	Zaid	5LeMans	404358
4	Ayaan	5LeMans	388391
5	Rayyaan	5Norwich	376391
6	Ylli	4Durham	332994
7	Fahad	5Norwich	302833
8	Anna	5Norwich	250334
9	Nina	3Hatfield	192686
10	Dominic	4Durham	171021

### **Update on Co2034 from Ms. Loo and the Nursery Team**

We have welcomed back our first bubble group 'sheep' on Wednesday who are leading the way being the first and youngest set of pupils to return to the YYS (alongside our brilliant Community Classrooms team). The children have grown so much over their time with you at home – not only in height but in their confidence, language and maturity. We are so proud of the way the children said good-bye to their grown-ups and remembered the expectations of school instantly! We are still getting used to our new routines and zones but it is great to see our children's wellbeing, involvement and attitude to learning is positive and strong.

Some particular activities we have enjoyed are: extra exercise and playtime in our woodland garden, eating our packed lunch style sandwiches and tray bakes, seeing and playing with our friends, learning our bubble cheer for 'team sheep' and building houses for the Three Little Pigs.

For those of you learning at home, please continue to send in photos or videos of your home learning. We miss you a lot and look forward to welcoming you back to school.

### **Update on Co2033 from Ms. Lambourne and the Reception team**

This week it has been so exciting to see some of you returning to school and settling into your new 'bubbles'. We were so impressed at how you came back to school prepared with coats, home learning packs, reading records and water bottles. So many of you have grown really really tall and are already looking like Year 1 children!

It has also been lovely to speak to lots of you who are still working hard at home. Thank you for sending in your brilliant home learning, please keep it coming and remember to check the KSA twitter feed to see all of your team mates' work.

Well done everyone for adapting so well to the changes we have seen since before half term. It really shows us how adaptable you are and how you take challenges in your stride!

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

This week, we are so excited to welcome our first bubble back to school. The whale bubble did a fantastic job of remembering their coats, home learning packs, reading records and water bottles. We can't wait to start our home learning packs with you next week. Well done for being brave and learning all the new routines so quickly!

For everybody that is still working from home, we are glad that you are enjoying the more colourful home learning packs and continue to see great examples of exemplary work. Please do continue to send us pictures and videos so that we can support you from home. We miss you all lots and look forward to seeing you at school soon.

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

We have really enjoyed welcoming you all back this week after the half term holidays. Thank you for all starting the new half term with such energy and enthusiasm and for continuing to demonstrate our school value, Aim High, by all working so hard at home with your new home learning packs. Once again, the Year 2 teachers have been so impressed with your hard work and effort during your tutorials this week. Thank you to all of you who are sending your teachers photos of your work. Please do keep sending pictures of your work, as we all love seeing your work and how hard you are trying with your learning. Next week, we are really excited to announce that Ms. Grant is going to be running Y2 Loughborough's tutorials whilst Ms. Forster is working really hard at school with the Reception team.

Some shout outs this week go to:

- I would love to give some shout outs to: Yusho, Ylli and Remas for always coming so well prepared to their tutorials and for sharing their excellent letters that they had written for their English home learning. Laila and Areeba for showing such kindness by supporting and listening carefully to what their friends had to say. Adam, Jaber and Noar for excellent participation and whiteboard work during their maths tutorials. Well done Nottingham class, you are all doing such a wonderful job!
- Ms. Forster and Ms. Grant would like to give some shout outs to: "Zak for giving excellent and kind feedback to his friends to help them to improve. Musa and Yussef for their tenacity at learning new words, in particular the word 'indigenous'. Saeed and Victor for asking some excellent questions to Minjarra, such as 'how are the aborigines experiencing the coronavirus pandemic?' and 'How do you spend your day?' We loved hearing some of the exceptional creative work that Imran has been doing at home. All of Loughborough class continue to show exceptional kindness as they work together in tutorials and we feel so proud of every single one of you! Tremendous job!"
- Ms. Short would like to give some shout outs to: "Shadi for bringing in his wider reading into his letter to Minjarra and sharing his knowledge with us about the sacred Aboriginal site Uluru and wallaby animals in the outback in Australia. Tia for giving an excellent explanation of the way Indigenous people hunt for their food and using your interesting ideas and loud and proud voice to add to our discussion in a kind, considerate and thoughtful way. Then finally, Negia for asking excellent questions about the home learning packs and having a go at a task by teaching herself what 'definitions' are before she could ask the teacher in her tutorial. Aiming high and leading the way! Well done team!"

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

Year 3 are continuing to do a wonderful job of working hard at home and are showing their teachers that they can get organised and keep themselves motivated. We were blown away by your attendance and enthusiasm at the tutorials on Wednesday. Seeing all of your happy faces is the highlight of my and the other teacher's weeks! Thank you to everyone who shared your work with your teachers, please keep this coming. Don't forget you can email your teacher at any time to ask questions or share your work, we love hearing from you all.

Some shout outs from this weeks tutorials go to:

- Noor S for ingenious use of her school bag to keep her home learning organised.
- Armin for wonderful listening and great participation when using non verbals
- Noor A impressed Ms Becker by elaborating on other children ideas to describe characters accurately
- Sofia confidently shared her ideas with the rest of the group
- Rayaana well done for being super organisation and participation in the first tutorial he attended
- Yasmin and Isa for imaginative and creative descriptions.
- Samira for excellent work on similes.
- Nina for her continued dedication towards all aspects of Home learning.
- Hanna for imaginative and thoughtful descriptions
- Zeina for impeccable manners

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

We are pleased that after a restful week of holidays, Year 4 pupils returned to their home learning enthusiastically. Thank you to all of you who shared photos and videos of your amazing work or of you and your family celebrating Eid. Continue sharing the moments of your learning at home with us - it is not only great for us to see your progress at home but also it inspires your peers to complete their work at the best possible standard.

Your attendance and participation in tutorials has been phenomenal – keep it up! Remember to join your tutorial 5 minutes before it is scheduled to make sure that you are ready with the right pack and piece of work, so that we can spend as much as time as possible on learning.

Some special shout outs this week go to:

- Faris for excellent work and resilience in Maths tutorials.
- Rayan Ali G for an inspirational improvement in her organisation skills. Well done for independently marking up your pack for each day!
- Baber for his awesome effort in each Maths tutorial!
- Maira for the excellent humanities poster on whether England is secular.
- Tasneem for aiming high in this week's Maths tutorial by demonstrating fantastic effort in all tasks.
- Joachim for relentlessly aiming high for the best results in TTRS! We have a second Rock Legend in 4NY!
- Mubbashir for leading the way and sharing some great depth of thinking in the Maths tutorial this week.
- Waleed, Zaber and Ylli for their fantastic effort with their home learning packs and sending photos of work regularly!

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

After the half term, it's been really exciting for us to speak to the year 5 children again this week. We've heard about lots of different interesting activities over the break, and have continued to be impressed with the work ethic being shown across the year group.

We will see you in tutorials next Tuesday (9/6/20) and Thursday (11/6/20) for certain, so please make sure your children have their work packs for HT6 Weeks 1 and 2 ready, as well as their whiteboards and pens. It's been great to maximise the learning time with punctual starts, so please continue this effort!

Particular shout-outs this week go to:

- Kadi for leading the way with practicing her spellings and being proactive in noting down new vocabulary for her to use in her writing.
- Adam for aiming high in his tutorial this week. He is always engaged, keen to contribute and listens to his teammates.
- Hawraa lead the way when she proactively suggested an area of maths on which she would like to learn more. This shows outstanding diligence in her studying!
- Rida aimed high by taking great care to read expressively in his tutorial this week. He really made the text come to life.
- Reyhana for aiming high in challenging herself to use a semi-colon in her tutorial writing.
- Ali Rida for leading the way with great enthusiasm for learning in his tutorial and quick, focused work on his whiteboard.

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

The Year 6 team have LOVED having lots of you back in this week and getting to work with you again! We're looking forward to having more of you back with us soon too! Things looks a little different to normal but everyone has adapted very quickly and already feel like we're into good routines in school to have fun and keep us all as safe as possible. For those of you who are still working at home, we're still working our way through calling you all but that obviously will take us a little longer now that we're also working back on site. Please continue to email us with your fabulous work and any other updates. We want to continue to help wherever we can

Shout outs this week go to:

- Joud for being brave and aiming high to help others in the class feel settled and comfortable in her bubble.
- Salma for her great planning when solving maths problems.
- Ali for aiming high with his maths work and being a great model to the rest of his team by being so focused on his learning.
- Eva and Yoosef for great participation in PE circuits.
- Malaak for Leading the Way and putting her hand up to answer lots of questions.
- Muzrib for his engagement, ideas and questions both in his school work and when discussing the news and current events plus great reading with Ms D.
- Rokaya and Hali for mature, detailed contributions to class discussions about current affairs.
- Tudor for making a creative poster that details how to keep safe in our bubble
- Hussein for his great musical knowledge in class!
- Hassan for coming up with some really fun activities and games that we can do as a group.
- Samarah for her positive attitude and big smiles helping to keep her bubble feeling positive.
- Afnan for excellent presentation in his work pack.

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

I was so pleased to hear what lots of Year 7 got up to over half term – there have been lots of creative things happening!

Shout outs to:

- Alyas and Aayan for emailing me to tell me their entry for the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square is on the Mayor of London's website!
- Mohamad Hakim for cooking for family lots and sending me photo updates.
- Daniel B for practising his drumming.

- Aaryan for completing extra art work.
- Lamees for growing basil and parsley.

Year 7 are now back into the routine of online learning and earning lots of merits at the same time for excellent work. We are looking forward to seeing all students in form time on Microsoft Teams at 9.15 on Monday.

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

Year 8 have hit the ground the ground running getting back into the swing of remote learning this week and we have already seen some excellent pieces of work coming in. Huge well done to everyone who completed 7 pieces of holiday homework over the break, a great start to assessment preparation. Year 8 will undertake an assessment in each of their subjects this half term, we have had an assembly today which details everything you need to know about when the assessments will be and what students need to be doing to prepare for them, if you could please support your children in engaging with this and sticking exam dates on the fridge that would be much appreciated. Any questions regarding assessments please do contact me.

Shout outs to: Anya, Anushka, Jumana, Kira, Malak, Mehdi and Katerine, for producing such creative art designs this week, I was blown away by the quality of your work. Thanks as always for your support during remote learning and we look forward to speaking with you all over the coming week.

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

Year 9 have started the half term as they left before the break, with strong rates of submission and some truly fabulous learning being done at home. It was a pleasure to see Ghalib and Emmanuel's science work earning praise across the school and the quality of submissions from so many people (Nathan, Hazera, Jana, Nathan, Rena, Zainab, Laith, Walid, Sam, Ihab, and so many more!) continues to blow me away. Well done to everyone for your efforts so far.

This week I want to remind you to encourage your child to apply for a spot on the Access Project programme. They received an email from Holly Brown before half term with full information. If you have any questions or concerns about applying please get in touch with me. I will be reaching out to you shortly with a date and time for an information evening on Y10 transition. Please keep an eye out for an email from me or Ms Povey for that event.

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

We know this is a time of uncertainty for year 10, and that many pupils are eager to hear how they might be invited back to school this half term. We are really keen to see pupils after such a long time, in the safest way possible.

Year 10 have a big half term ahead of them – normally at this time of year we would be revising GCSE content and preparing for end of year exams, which means that we are doing our best to replicate this experience at home. The next 4 weeks of remote learning are very important to review learning from the whole year, so pupils will need our support to be in good routines, including taking breaks in the day, to stay on track.

This week, we will be talking to pupils a lot about how to stay motivated before their return to school – self motivation is particularly difficult at this strange time, and so they will need lots of support as they learn these techniques!

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

Year 11 are now in Week 3 of their Year 11 Bridging work. It has been great to see Year 11 getting themselves prepared for September.

#### **Update from Ms Harvey on Cohort 1 and Cohort 3:**

Pupils in Cohort 1 are being set English and Maths work every day. This is an incredible opportunity for pupils in this cohort to focus on English and Maths ahead of September with two amazing teachers. Ms Povey would like to say well done to Hamza Hameed who has submitted Maths work every day and is working hard. Ms Williams would like to say well done to Farouk who is submitting excellent English work.

Well done to pupils in Cohort 3 who are using the work on student share to get ready for their courses in September. A reminder that pupils in Cohort 3 have work to complete which can be found on student share. If they are studying subjects offered at KSA 6<sup>th</sup> form they should complete the work within the Cohort 2 folder.

#### **Update from Ms Manley on Cohort 2:**

Pupils in Cohort 2 have continued to do a great job this week as they complete their second week of Bridging Work. It has been brilliant to see all the hard work that has been put into their holiday homework. Congratulations to these students, who got all their holiday homework in on time and to an excellent standard: **Sulaiman, Safiya, Leban, Houria, Hamza, Tanzila, Ryan, Sarah E, Farrah, Fatima N, Heba, Mohamud W, Abrar, Mayss, Mounir!** Students should be working hard to aspire to graduate from the 'Bridging Work' programme with 'honours'!

Special shout-outs this week are in our weekly Cohort 2 Newsletter, but below are some highlights:

Ms Manley - **Sara A and Houria** for attending all MS teams lessons this week and making fantastic contributions as well as completing all extension tasks in the Holiday Homework.

Mr Tindell - Shout out to **Fatima A and Farrah** for fantastic graphs in economics!

Ms Mungur - Shout-out to **Sarah E and Sara A** for completing extension work and doing a consistently great job in psychology!

Mr Docherty - My physics shout out goes to **Sulaiman** for exploring and analysing projectile motion simulations using software from the University of Colorado!

Ms Warburton - I have been extremely impressed with the quality of **Fatima N's** work! . Fatima has also submitted all work on time and has shown strong commitment in Chemistry.

Ms Bristow - **Sara A** - Incredible detail in her G&P submission, going above and beyond the amount asked for in the task, **Hakeem** - Great to see political opinion and evaluation coming through in your work, **Abrar** - meeting every deadline on time, and excellent work quality.

Ms Chawluk - Shout-out to **Sarah E** for fantastic holiday homework – I have been so impressed with the passion and commitment you show in Spanish!

Ask students to see Cohort 2 newsletter today and the special features from teachers – enjoy reading and have a lovely, restful weekend.

#### **Update on Co2021 from Ms. Mungur and the Year 12 team**

Welcome back after a very sunny half term. Thank you to all the parents this week for supporting with the parent meetings that have happened. We had over 90% attendance which is fantastic. The focus for the students this half term is to ensure that they are still getting the most out of their remote learning: attending all online lessons and submitting all work set by their deadlines. We are also starting the UCAS and pathways process and the students should

**all** have submitted their first draft of a personal statement today! As the sixth form team we will give them feedback so they can continue to work in this over the summer. please continue to support the student in this process by researching university courses, specific universities, looking at their virtual tours, looking at entrance grades needed. Also encouraging research into apprenticeships. Look out for the video made by Mrs Al-Hariri explaining this whole process! The students will then walk gearing up to have assessments in W6, please ask the students to see their revision timetables!

Thanks for your on-going support, and getting the students back into good routines, so that they can have a successful last half term.

**Update on Co2020 from Ms Manley and the Y13 team**

We hope that parents and Year 13 students are keeping well. Year 13 students should ensure they have made their UCAS choices, they have applied to student finance and they have started to research their accommodation choices at university. Students interested in applying to apprenticeships should make sure they are continuing to reach out to Ms Al-Hariri! Students should be using this time well to get ahead with reading which prepares them for university and enriching themselves by developing new skills!

A reminder that Result's Day is on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August – we look forward to seeing you then – please make sure you are in the country and able to come to school. We would like to be able to support you and plan your next steps.

Parents and students – please do continue to reach out if you have any questions and would like further guidance. Best wishes from the Year 13 team.