

SENT TO PARENTS BY EMAIL – FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020

Dear parents,

We are now moving into the final three weeks of the school year and are delighted to be welcoming back our final groups of pupils onsite – a particularly warm welcome to children in Y2,Y3,Y4,Y5 and those joining community classrooms in primary and secondary for the first time – we're so delighted to see you all again and can't wait until September when we can all be back together again.

*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!*

### **Secondary Staffing update**

Last week we shared updated on Primary staffing. We can now share updates in Secondary. Sadly, at the end of each year, schools often say goodbye to some staff. We will be saying goodbye to Jon Johnson will be leaving KSA to take on a new role in a PE department in another school. Mr Johnson has led PE at KSA and been a key member of the team over the last 8 years, and inspired many pupils. He has created many basketball aficionados, led pupils to take fitness seriously and supported many pupils pastorally too. Faye Styles will also be leaving KSA this summer. Ms Styles joined us to train as a teacher and completed her PhD alongside training to be a teacher- quite the achievement. We wish her the very best in her next steps. Every year, we have a number of staff who are only with us for one year: a huge thank you to our Tutor Fellow team. Natasha Holmes and Ellen Shields will be staying with us as teachers. We wish departing staff well with your future plans.

We will have two Vice Principals from September who will support me in leading the Secondary school. Siobhan Crompton (who has now returned from Maternity leave) will be leading the curriculum and teaching and learning and Alice Cairns will take on pastoral leadership. Ms Cairns was a founding member of staff at Oasis Academy South Bank as Head of Maths 7 years ago, and was then promoted to Assistant Principal and National Curriculum Lead for Maths within Oasis Community Learning leading on the development of the maths curriculum across all schools in the trust. Ms Cairns will therefore be able to continue to ensure that our school's maths excellence is assured.

In Secondary (as well as primary) we have a huge amount of stability, which put us in a strong position for the year ahead. The heads of year and form teachers for 2020-21 have been agreed and this will be shared with relevant year groups in the days and weeks ahead so that they are prepared for September.

### **Year 6 to Year 7 transition: meeting on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm**

Year 7 parents have been written to with the details and link to an important meeting on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm**. This will be for all Year 6 parents and be hosted by Mr Haimendorf, Principal and Ms Griffiths, next year's Head of Year 7. There will be a chance to ask lots of questions and also to hear all the relevant information on:

- a. Introduction to the Year 7 teachers and leaders
- b. Term dates for next year including Year 7 induction in September
- c. Parent meeting / Home Visit Replacement Meetings
- d. Holiday homework
- e. Transition work in September
- f. Uniform purchasing
- g. How we will keep your child safe in September

## Primary home learning for the final weeks of HT6

Now so many primary pupils are back on site from Monday, and in order to make sure we have been in touch with all pupils about transition planning for next year, we are re-starting weekly tutorials in Y1 and Y6 for those children still learning at home and moving to one weekly tutorial for children at home in Y2-Y5. We need to change the existing groups now that so many children are back at school and so many of the teachers are now onsite too.

You will see the current calendar invites being deleted on Monday and you will be invited to new meetings on Monday.

**These sessions will be on the following days and times starting next week for the final three weeks for all pupils still learning at home:**

Year	Class	Day	Time	Teacher
1	Nottingham Trent	Tuesday	10.05-10.25	Ms. Eyre
1	Edge Hill		10.35-10.55	
1	Lancashire		11.05-11.25	
<i>(NB Additional Reception and Y1 phonics tutorials will continue to run for the next three weeks with Ms. Smith as normal.)</i>				
2	Exeter	Friday	10.05-10.25	Ms. Eyre
2	Loughborough		10.35-10.55	
2	Nottingham		11.05-11.25	
3	Edinburgh	Wednesday	Group 1: 10.05-10.25 Group 2: 10.35-10.55	
3	Hatfield		Group 1: 11.05-11.25 Group 2: 11.35-11.55	
3	Birmingham		Group 1: 12.05-12.25 Group 2: 12.35-12.55	
4	Durham	Tuesday	Group 1: 11:05-11:25 Group 2: 11:35-11:55	Ms. Swindells
4	New York	Thursday	11:05-11:25	Ms. Matthews
4	Oxford	Thursday	Group 1: 13:05-13:25 Group 2: 13:35-13:55	Mr. Shaw
5	London	Thursday	Group 1: 10.05-10.25 Group 2: 10.35-10.55	Ms. Kumar
5	Le Mans		Group 1: 11.05-11.25 Group 2: 11.35-11.55	
5	Norwich		Group 1: 12.05-12.25 Group 2: 12.35-12.55	
6	Nottingham	Wednesday	10.05-10.25	
6	Plymouth		10.35-10.55	
6	Birmingham		11.05-11.25	

We will also be sending out more details to primary parents early next week about scheduling a 15-20 minute meeting with each family onsite with your child's current teacher to discuss how your child has coped over the last few months, how they have progressed over the year and who their teacher will be in September. You will also receive your child's end of year report. As you know, we don't normally run a parents' evening in the Summer term but we feel it is important for us to connect with each of you in person before we head off for the long holidays. Teachers' availability will be clear on the booking form as we have to organise it

around making sure we are maintaining the highest possible standards of safety and well-being onsite. We look forward to seeing you all!

### **Secondary remote learning**

We've loved seeing all of Year 12 and Year 10 in school over the past week and a half for their **one-to-one meetings**, as well as having parent meetings with all of Year 9 on Wednesday. It's been great to catch up and hear them reflect on their learning and routines. Pupils have worked with their teachers to set some meaningful targets for the coming weeks; it's clear that pupils are Aiming High.

Parents meetings for Year 8 are scheduled for Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July and for Year 7 on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July. These can be booked now via the [Parents Evening System](#) – please see the email from Ms Povey for more information.

Pupils in all year groups have **assessments** over the coming weeks. These assessments enable teachers to see the progress in students' learning so we can support them effectively in September. All of the assessments take place online – it is important that pupils take each assessment seriously and follow the expectations set out by their teacher about timings, resources and other conditions. Pupils are being set revision tasks by their teachers to help them prepare for these assessments – the revision and assessment process is vital for embedding and securing new learning. Thank you for supporting pupils to work hard and do their best in these assessments.

Pupils continue to produce some **fantastic work** while learning remotely. Check out Salwa and Anya's reflections on Windrush, and some brilliant Year 8 artwork up now on [Twitter](#), as well as an amazing achievement for Yusuf in Year 11.

**Form times** will be running as usual on Monday 29<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 12	10.45

### **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.

Congratulations to Yusho and Shadi for both being our gold medallists! What great role models for the rest of the school! Well done to the whole top ten! Remember to keep practising over half term.

Last week we had our first Times Table Rock Stars Year Group Battles!  
Here are the results:

<b>Year Group and points</b>	<b>Year Group and points</b>
Year 2 <b>15365 points</b>	Year 4 <b>11875 points</b>
Year 5 <b>4754 points</b>	Year 3 <b>15139 points</b>
Year 6 <b>1206 points</b>	Year 3 <b>15139 points</b>

**Next week the following battles have been set:**

Year 2 vs Year 3

Year 4 vs Year 5

Year 6 vs Year 5

**Numbots Leader Board**

Rank	First Name	Class	Coins Earned
1	Yusho	2Nottingham	84949
2	Emily	1Lancashire	73155
3	Vedad	RSheffieldHallam	66474
4	Manxue	RRADA	61051
5	Neel	RSheffieldHallam	51099
6	Shadi	2Exeter	43544
7	Wendao	RRADA	32309
8	Ziya	RRADA	29093
9	Akito	RSurrey	25645
10	Hashem	1Lancashire	25570

**Times Tables Rock Stars Leader Board**

Rank	First Name	Class	Lifetime Earnings
1	Shadi	2Exeter	648492
2	Armin	3Birmingham	466789
3	Ayaan Ibrahim	5LeMans	445488
4	Zaid	5LeMans	414540
5	Fahad	5Norwich	403207
6	Rayyaan	5Norwich	392321
7	Nina	3Hatfield	353013
8	Ylli	4Durham	332994
9	Anna	5Norwich	304889
10	Dunia	4NewYork	263743

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

The nursery bubble sheep have thoroughly enjoyed their learning about 'The Princess and the Pea' this week. We have been architects, designing and building castles using different construction materials. We love our sensory play and exploring how to mark make and mix colours in paint. Another highlight has been our exploratory play in the woodland garden, collecting leaves and finding minibeasts! We have also been practising how to be gentle and kind. We are really looking forward to having our next nursery bubble join us on Monday – we can't wait to see and wave to more of our friends!

Our shout out this week goes to Lucinda who has been an excellent role model, showing us how to be gentle by taking care of others and looking after our classroom equipment and toys with respect and care.

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

This week it has been wonderful to see the children spending so much of their learning time out in the glorious weather and fresh air. Children in Toucans bubble have especially enjoyed phonics lessons in their outdoor bubble zone. Snakes bubble have tidied and reorganised their outdoor space, with plenty of help from Mr Pearce, and are now even prouder of their bubble. Tigers bubble have been especially active and have shown brilliant teamwork skills when designing their obstacle courses. Water play has been a favourite for

all, it has been remarkable to watch the children discuss why “the water is disappearing so fast!”, a great ‘first think’ about evaporation for many of our children.

Speaking to families who are continuing with home learning has been a joy as ever. It’s wonderful to hear how many children have become artists, just like Vashti in this week’s book.

We look forward to welcoming more children back to Tiger and Toucan bubble groups on Monday. Hoping you all have super weekends.

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

Another great week made even better by some lovely sunshine. Year 1 have been continuing to work hard in school and at home. Miss Clark would like to give a shout out to Simat who has been trying hard every day in school. She has been practising all her sounds and never gives up, even when she finds it tricky. Well done, Simat!

Miss Smith would like to give a shout out to Leon who has been perfecting his handwriting this week. He ensures that he takes his time and does not rush. Great work, Leon!

Miss Hart has been so impressed with all the children in her bubble for making new friends. All the children have been mixing and being brave by playing with children they had not played with before. It has been lovely to see new friendships being made and old friendships being made even stronger.

We are thoroughly enjoying being back at school and spending quality time with the children. This week, we have been drawing outside, learning new dance routines and searching for bugs in our playground. Of course, we are also working hard on our home learning packs. What a lovely way to spend the last few weeks of school!

Thank you to all the parents at home who are continuing to send us pictures of your children’s work. We love hearing from you and look forward to your updates every day. Have a wonderful weekend!

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

What another great week. All of us loved seeing you again in your tutorials. You came up with some brilliant rhyming words on Wednesday and we absolutely loved reading the rhyming poems about Gregory Cool that you sent us. If you haven’t done so already, please do send us your poems as we have thoroughly enjoyed reading the ones that we have received so far! the pleasure of announcing that the wonderful Ms. Eyre will be starting to run the Year 2 tutorials which will now be on a Friday. I can’t believe we only have three more weeks of term left to go in Year 2. Keep up the amazing work team, you are all doing some an awesome job with your learning whilst you are at home. The Year 2 team are really excited to be welcoming lots of you back to school next week. Ms. Short, Ms. Grant, Ms. Lambourne and I can’t wait to see those of you who are joining us on Monday.

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

Year 3 are very pleased that a small number of children will be returning to school next week and have been busy getting things ready. Ms Eades – Jones, Ms Crawley, Ms Thomson and I can’t wait to see you! If you are going to continue working from home, Ms Eyre is very excited to be running your weekly tutorials from Wednesday.

We were pleased by how prepared everyone was in their tutorials this week, thank you for working hard. We would love to receive some more of written “bug descriptions”, so please make sure you get those emailed to your teachers as soon as you can. Some shout outs this week go to:

- Abdulaziz, Rahat, AJ and Yasmin for working together to give Miss E-J some fantastic advice on routine.
- Kareem and Zubair for their fantastic enthusiasm and positive attitude towards tutorials
- Adam, Anjum and Faiza for sending thoughtful and creative Bug descriptions to Miss Holmes.

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

Year 4 team have been keeping themselves busy by preparing to see a number of year 4 pupils returning to school for the final three week. Ms Collins, Ms Chafai, Ms Buskell and Ms Becker will be running year 4 bubbles and they are all incredibly excited to see pupils and their parents on Monday! If you are going to continue learning from home, Mr Shaw, Ms Swindells and Ms Matthews are making some exciting plans for your weekly tutorials – they cannot wait to see you!

We were blown away by your superb commitment to being the best on TTRS, please keep it up and continue inviting one another to slamrock battles! Teachers love being challenged too – please don't forget to occasionally invite us to your battles! The number of fabulous work that we received from you this has been phenomenal! Keep it up team, we love reading through your work!

Some special shout outs this week go to:

- Riley for leading the way in the tutorial quiz – 16 out of 16 correct answers!
- Mohammed for being kind and sharing positive attitude in tutorials!
- Yahya, Saja W and Hafsah for being kind and giving generous shout outs!
- Abudi, Mubbashir, Saif, Arbaaz, Naima, Abdulla, Hajir, Dominic, Faris and Rayhan for aiming high and submitting inspirational work every week!
- Joachim, Dunya, Zaber, Ameen and many many others who have been aiming high to improve their timetables knowledge!

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

The Year 5 team have had a very busy week preparing for the exciting return to school of some of our pupils. Mr Howlett, Mr Chandler and Mr Louis-Marie will all be teaching bubbles and can't wait to see the team again! For the children who are not returning to school, we are sad that we won't be able to see you, but Ms Kumar is really excited to being seeing you in a tutorial each week – make sure you follow the link in her email!

If you're in school, make sure you arrive between 9:30 and 9:40 at the Penfold Street gate and your parents will collect you by coming through the same gate at 2:15. Bring your Home Learning Pack and a water bottle!

Children we've been particularly impressed with this week are...

- Mohamed M has been extremely proactive in asking questions about his return to school. He has Lead the Way by asking Mr Chandler lots of important questions so he feels ready and organised for Monday!
- Hawraa has been Aiming High in the presentation of her work at home. Hawraa has gone above and beyond to improve her handwriting and Mr Chandler was thrilled to receive an essay written in her neatest handwriting of all time!
- Ali H has reading with expression and persevering with challenging texts in tutorials.
- Jury has been presenting well-thought-out, balanced arguments to our thinking questions in our tutorials this week.
- Marium H has been Leading the Way with excellent reading on-site and is looking forward to being joined by some more of the Year 5 team on Monday!
- Alaa has been Aiming High with excellent reading aloud in her tutorials, using a steady rhythm to keep her audience engaged.
- Noor has shown excellent focus in her tutorials and has Led the Way with contributing her answers enthusiastically.

- Shout outs from the Y6 staff in bubbles on site go to Marium for settling back to school so well and Mohammed K for asking relevant questions to ensure he understands the text in one to one reading.

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

Year 6 bubbles have been working hard and enjoying the heatwave on site this week! We are excited to have some more children joining us next week plus we'll be welcoming Year 5 back to the corridor. As you will have already seen, we are also pleased that those of you who are still at home will have the opportunity of tutorials with Ms. Kumar over the next few weeks!

Shout outs this week go to:

- Adam for showing excellent mindfulness during our PSHE lesson this week.
- Kenza for always aiming high and showing excellent inference skills in our one-to-one reading.
- Omar Z for being so impressive during sporting activities, he's super speedy!!
- Christian for excellent focus in Maths
- Yahya for his teamwork in PE & games and for thinking hard about how he demonstrates our values this week.
- Zainab K for contributing excellently to discussions about new vocabulary
- Mohamed Hagali for being confident when sharing his ideas in English
- Noah for his diligent work ethic every day.

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

It has been another successful week of remote learning with assessments in History, Maths and Science. Next week assessments are as follows:

- French on Tuesday
- English and Geography on Thursday
- Music on Friday

Remote learning with revision and new content in other subjects will continue as normal during Week 5.

In today's assembly for students I share the news that I will continue as Head of Year 7 in September for the Co2027 and we (virtually) introduce Ms Harvey as Head of Year 8 for Co2026. Ms Harvey has been a brilliant Head of Year to the Co2022 and is knows all about how Year 8 works. I have asked students to email Ms Harvey introducing themselves so please ensure your child has done this. In the coming weeks I will be handing over to Ms Harvey as I will be planning the transition to secondary for Co2027.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Head of Year to the Co2026. It has certainly been a strange second half to the academic year but I am so proud of the way Year 7 have risen to the challenge of remote learning and take such pride in their work. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or Ms Harvey ([e.harvey@kingsolomonacademy.org](mailto:e.harvey@kingsolomonacademy.org))

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

Year 8 have continued to prepare for and complete their end of year assessments this week. Next week is a busy week with Geography, Music and French assessments on Monday, Wednesday and Friday retrospectively. Thanks for continuing to encourage them to work hard for these exams and take them seriously remotely. We are really impressed with their efforts so far and look forward to discussing these with you in more detail during the parents appointments on July 8th. If you have not yet managed to book your parents appointment yet please do so or let me know and I will help arrange it.

Ms Styles has a shout out for Y8 following the Science assessment: "I was very impressed at the professionalism of the year group, almost every pupil took it very seriously and tried really hard. I would like to give a special shoutout to Saima and Jumana in 8 Birmingham who got 100% of the multiple choice questions correct, and to Mehdi and Anushka in 8 Paris who got 29/30 on their multiple choice questions. Also good job to Malak, Leen, Hussein N and Walid S for making great progress. Well done everyone."

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

Year 9 have had an exciting week, finding out a lot about what Upper School is going to look like for them. We have also had 26 applications for the Access Project – well done to all of you for doing so – and while it is a shame to have to limit places, a special shout out to everyone that was accepted onto the course. Next week sees the students doing lots of end of year assessments. The calendar has been shared with them in assemblies and emails over the last month. Aim to do your very best in your assessments Year 9 - I want you to have something to show for all of the hard work you have done in lockdown.

Thank you also to parents as we managed to speak to almost all of you in parents evening last Wednesday. If you have any remaining questions you can always message me whenever you need.

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

One to one pupil mentoring sessions started this week for all pupils in year 10. It was lovely to reflect on remote learning with so many pupils this week, and all pupils have gone home with next steps to help them agreed with their teacher. Please ask your child to share those next steps (in their emails) so you can help them to succeed in online learning in HT6. It is important pupils are on time for these meetings as teachers will see many pupils throughout the day. Assessments continue next week, but it is important all pupils still attend their 1:1 meetings. We are looking ahead to virtual work experience in week 6: On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July, there will be no remote learning to enable all pupils to participate in work experience talks and activities online instead.

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

Last Friday marked the end of the Bridging courses for Year 11. Please read important messages below to check how we are communicating with each cohort. We are very excited for Year 11 as they move towards starting their new courses in September and look forward to seeing them on Results Day on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August. Please do call or email myself or Ms Povey if you have any questions between now and the end of term (21<sup>st</sup> July) we would love to hear from you!

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

Pupils in Cohort 1 and 3 should now have had their final conversation with Ms Al-Hariri and Ms Harvey. Where this hasn't been able to happen, we will be making these calls next week.

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

Students submitted their final pieces of work yesterday, which completes the Bridging Work Programme – well done to so many students who have worked hard and done an excellent job. Some students have graduated the 'Bridging Work' programme with 'honours' - they have been invited to an MS teams meet with Ms Manley on Monday at 2pm to celebrate their achievements! If your son/daughter has been invited, please do encourage them to attend!

Bridging work is currently being reviewed by teachers and the sixth form team. Year 11 students and parents should expect to receive updated offers to KSA Sixth Form in Week 5 based on the successful completion of bridging work. If you have any questions about the next



steps for sixth form, do contact [r.tindell@kingsolomonacademy.org](mailto:r.tindell@kingsolomonacademy.org). Please remember that all students must be available to collect their result in-person on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August.

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

These are a busy few weeks in Y12, this week the focus has been all about the students thinking about their next steps after sixth form. Mrs Al-Hariri and Ms Brown have been ringing all the students this week to speak to them about their interests, what university courses they're interested in, specific university options and apprenticeships. These have been such valuable meetings for the students and many have said how helpful they have been.

Week 4 we have started in revision in A level subjects, this is in preparation for assessments in W6. Please ask your children to see their revision timetables. There are not assessments in the Business course in the same way, but the students are working hard to get their coursework completed, which will ultimately add into their final grade.

Look out for the newsletter sent to all Y12 students it has great pieces written by different Y12s each week. It's been fantastic to see their engagement in this and develop their confidence to contribute to the articles and features.

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

We hope that parents and Year 13 students are keeping well. Last week, students finalised their next steps, replying to UCAS and confirming their places. Students should have applied to student finance and they should 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 Results 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.