

Dear parents,

Here we are on the last day of term – possibly the strangest one ever!

We sent a huge amount of information out in a letter yesterday which all parents will want to engage in. You can also access it on the website [here](#).

In the meantime, all that remains to be said is **THANK YOU SO MUCH!** It has been a remarkable year, from merging King Solomon Academy and Ark Paddington Green at the beginning of the year to finishing it in a pandemic, and so many things in between – we would not be able to achieve and overcome anywhere near as much as we are able to for your children without working together in partnership with you as their families.

Enjoy your Summer holidays, however different they might look to usual.

With love,

Team KSA

Travelling abroad during the Summer holidays

Any parents who are planning on travelling abroad over the Summer, please make sure you follow government advice on where to go and whether there are still quarantine expectations in place. Details are given below of when your child will start school again. Please be aware that attendance at school is mandatory for everyone again from their start date and parents who return their children late may be referred to the Local Authority.

September return to school -

We look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school in September. The government has confirmed that all pupils should return to school from next academic year and therefore we expect to see all pupils back to school. If you are planning to travel this summer, please ensure you are back in time for your child to return to school and bear in mind quarantine expectations. For many countries the quarantine remains in place, meaning your family would need to self isolate for 14 days before returning to school – so you would need to return 2 weeks before school terms starts to be ready for your return to school. Full details can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>.

In Primary, families have been written to personally with details of their start date. If you have not received this communication, please email parents@kingsolomonacademy.org.

In Secondary, the first days back are as follows, with different year groups starting on different days.

	First day back
Monday 7 th September 2020	Year 7 Year 12
Wednesday 9 th September 2020	Year 10 Year 13
Thursday 10 th September 2020	Year 8 Year 9
Friday 11 th September 2020	Year 11

Secondary staffing update

This summer we will be saying goodbye to Abbie Williams, Assistant Principal. Ms Williams has taught at KSA for 5 years. She is an incredible teacher, achieving some of the highest GCSE English result in the country for the last few years. She has been an exceptional leader, leading teaching and learning in the school this year and Middle School the year before. We will miss her and wish her the very best.

Breakfast club and after school provision.

We are reviewing our breakfast club and after school provision ahead of September and will write to parents over the summer with details about how this provision will be impacted by the safety measures in place.

Summer Reading Challenge 2020

The annual Summer Reading Challenge launched on the 1st July. This year the scheme is called 'Silly Squad' with the theme being humorous books for kids and will take place entirely online. Children can sign up through the Reading Agency's website at [summer reading challenge 2020](#). Church Street library will also be running some online events for children over the summer. This annual challenge is a wonderful way to motivate reading over the summer holiday and this year with many children having read their selection of real books at home, this should provide a new and varied source of ebooks and audiobooks. Happy reading everyone!

Primary Summer Holiday Challenges

All children in primary are expected to read every single day of the holidays. This is the most important investment you can make in your child's learning and development. They can be story books or newspapers, they can be in English or a home language but every child must be reading every day.

In addition, we have given every child a home learning pack for the Summer. There is a weekly challenge with a range of activities for you to do as a family. None of these challenges are compulsory for any children but many parents told us that they would like to keep up the consistency of a little bit of learning through some fun activities each day to try and maintain a good structure. Do send in photos of your children's efforts to their class teachers or to parents@Kingsolomonacademy.org so we can see their successes! You can access all the Summer holiday projects on the website [here](#).

Secondary remote learning including Secondary Holiday Homework

Today we set **Holiday Homework** for pupils in Year 7-10 and 12. All work will be set online via Student Share and MS Teams, and is due to be **submitted online on Friday 4th September** (before we return to school).

Holiday Homework in Years 7-10 will be set for each subject in the 'must', 'should', 'could' format and the 'must' tasks should be equivalent to a normal school week of homework. Pupils can challenge themselves by taking on the 'should' and 'could' tasks.

Year 12 pupils will be set 'Core', 'Consolidation' and 'Stretch' tasks for each of their subjects which should take approximately 20 hours, which we suggest they spread across the subject to ensure that they retain as much knowledge as possible.

Thank you in advance for supporting pupils to organise their time effectively and make sure they complete their Holiday Homework to the best of their ability by **Friday 4th September**.

Laptops and chrome books currently on loan to pupils

A small number of pupils have KSA laptops and chrome books at home for home learning. We need these to be returned ahead of the new academic year as we use them in lessons on the Older Years Site as part of the normal curriculum. Please **return them to the Older Years Site between 25th and 28th August**. On return, we will check that they are in working order, and sign the devices back onto site. We will write to families individually to give further information and to remind you of the dates.

Primary Maths leader board!

Congratulations to all the children and parents who used Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots while school has been closed. This is a great way to practice maths skills. Please continue to use it over the summer so your child is ready for the new academic year.

The following battles are underway and will last for the entire summer holidays. Remember to log in to help your year team win!

Year 2 vs Year 3

Year 4 vs Year 5

Year 6 vs Year 2

Update on Co2034 from Ms. Loo and the Nursery Team

Wow – we can't believe we have finished our first year of school already! We are so proud of all our Nursery children and how much they have grown and learnt. It was great to see so many of you at our end of year celebration this week and to share our highlights and shout outs. If you missed it, you can watch the assembly on our Youtube channel. Please make sure you also watch your child's 'Meet the teacher' video so you can learn about your new class next year.

As much as the children need to get to know their new teacher, our teachers also need to get to know you! Please remember to write your letters to your new teacher over the summer. For Nursery, this can be a drawing of yourself and writing your name. Please include three things you like, don't like and want to learn or do in Reception or Nursery next year. Be ready to bring them with you when you start in September or email them.

We'd like to thank all our wonderful parents, amazing Nursery children and hard-working staff for their commitment, positivity and energy which has led to a successful year despite the set backs. Take care of each other over the holiday and we will see you soon!

Update on Co2033 from Ms. Lambourne and the Reception team

This week it has been wonderful hearing so many children excited about Year 1 and their new teachers in September. Children who have watched the links to the 'Meet the teacher videos' have already learnt so much about what life will be like in Year 1. If you haven't managed to watch this with your child yet, please take the time to do so.

Children in Tiger, Toucan and Snakes bubbles have been busily writing to their new teachers and have included lots of interesting facts about themselves, they have also reflected on their learning and thought about what they would like to get better at next year. For those families continuing with home learning please remember that this is a really important part of the home learning pack this week. Letters can either be e-mailed, posted or kept and bought in when school re-opens for everyone in September.

Finally, all of the Reception Team would like to say a huge thank you to parents and children for your hard work throughout lockdown and since the re-opening of bubbles. Everyone has

shown great determination, resilience and kindness in a world that has changed in so many ways. We really hope you all have restful summers as look forward to seeing you all in Year 1!

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

Wow! It is the end of another fantastic year at KSA. We are so proud of all the children and can't believe how much they have grown and what kind, hard-working and caring children they have become. We want to thank you so much for your kind gifts and emails that we have been receiving over the last week. We are so touched and will miss you all.

If you were unable to attend our assembly, Miss Francis sent out a link so that you can watch it. It was a beautiful celebration of Year 1 and so much children gave incredible shout outs and spoke with such confidence. Well done to them all. All the children in bubbles have been working hard and using their neatest hand writing to write to their new Year 2 teachers and the Year 2 team have loved receiving them. Thank you to all the children off site who have also sent their new teacher a letter. They will reply to you all over the next week.

We want to wish you a very happy summer holiday with your children and look forward to seeing you in September!

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

Wow, what an incredible year this has been! We cannot believe that you have all now come to the end of Year 2 and that you will all be transitioning to Year 3 next year. It was wonderful to see so many of you joining the Year 2 Celebration Assembly today. It was great to be able to reflect on the year together before the summer holidays. Highlights from the year definitely include our trips to The Tower of London and Kidzania, the visit from Florence Nightingale and also the visit from the owls. If you didn't manage to join, you can watch it on the KSA YouTube Channel. This year, you should all be really proud of yourselves and what you have achieved! All of the Year 2 teachers have thoroughly enjoyed teaching you all this year and we are all so incredibly proud of how hard you have worked this year. We all want to wish you the best of luck as you move to Year 3!

It has been wonderful speaking to you in your bubbles and 1-1 meetings and seeing how excited you all are to meet your new teachers. Pupils in their bubbles have written some wonderful letters to their teachers this week. If you are working at home, please make sure you email a picture of your written letter to your new teacher over the summer holidays before you start in September. Ms Holmes, Ms Collins and Ms Eades-Jones are so excited to receive them and start getting to know you before September. Over the summer, please ensure that you are reading every day and practising your times tables on TTRS. Have a wonderful summer team and we look forward to seeing you all in September!

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

We cannot believe that Year 3 is over, what a year we have had! The teachers loved looking back over the year in our celebration assembly on Wednesday. If you didn't manage to join us, a video of the assembly is on the Y3 youtube playlist. Our highlights of the year certainly include our trips to Kew Gardens and the Science museum. All of the teachers feel so proud of how awesome you have all become at swimming this year too! We have been so pleased to see and hear your excitement at moving to Y4 and are impressed at your enthusiasm to take on new challenges. The Y4 team cannot wait to meet you all in person. Over the summer, please keep up your excellent reading habits and try to stay as active as you can!

A few final shout outs go to:

- Rahat for exemplary attitudes towards learning
- Aseel for persevering and smashing some tricky maths this week

- AJ for a beautiful poem (we loved it!)
- Anjum for a thoughtful and well written letter
- Malak for enthusiasm and perseverance

Have a wonderful summer everyone

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

It is hard to believe that this is the last newsletter of the academic year! Y4 team, it has been an extraordinary year and there is so much to celebrate! Firstly, let's just remember that at the beginning of this academic year, we went through a big change in our classes after the KSA and APG merger. Since then, we have worked hard and become one fabulous team. There have been so many amazing things that we did together – trips to the V&A museum, Museum of London and the Anglo-Saxon workshop. We even had a taster session of swimming – hopefully this makes you feel a tiny bit more confident about the prospects of swimming in year 5!

Even though we missed our last term in Year 4 together, there is still so much to be proud of! This last term we did a lot of practical and academic learning at home – here are some of the examples of your amazing work that you have submitted during lockdown. Your teachers were impressed by how often some of you shared your work with us; by how you maintained the same high standards of your work; by how you edited and improved your work independently by using the resources provided to you. Some of you took your learning outside – you cooked, planted, took care of and explored birds, studied the human impact on nature and many more! Some of you reached out to others when you or others needed help or felt lonely – you learnt, played and talked together!

It was fantastic to see so many of you at the End of Year 4 celebration assembly, if you unfortunately missed this celebration, please watch the recording of it on the KSA guest youtube playlist. Special thank you to pupils who gave such well thought through and warm shout outs to their teachers and their peers. It made us all smile!

The Year 4 teachers feel confident that you will continue to shine in Y5! We wish you all a great summer – keep reading, moving and exploring!

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

The Year 5 Team want to give a big 'Well done' to everyone in Year 5 for their excellence all year. Back in September, we were three new classes getting to know each other; in the time since then, we've made huge strides as a team. Our highlights have definitely been our trips: Hampton Court Palace, the Ragged School Museum and, of course, Sayers Croft. We have seen your confidence grow and your great attitude to learning has led to excellent progress in all your subjects. We are excited that we will be able to see you all next year, even if you are a bit further along the corridor.

Shout-outs to children this week go to:

- All the children in Year 5 who have made it to their final three tutorials, showing excellent hard work and dedication to their learning, which has impressed Ms Kumar.
- Mawadda for Leading The Way and pushing herself to complete all the work she can while back in school.
- Amir for Aiming High in his Maths back at school to work out the answers to complex reasoning problems.
- Bella for Leading The Way with her focus and self-confidence both in the classroom and outside during breaks.

- Jinan for Aiming High when reading challenging texts aloud in class and for always persevering.
- Zuzie for Leading the Way in completing her Home Learning Packs to an extremely high standard and for organising them so professionally.
- Alden for Working Together by always building on the strengths of his peers and helping his team mates in all activities.
- Sidra, who by Aiming High in football sessions and taking on feedback from her teacher and team-mates, has earned the nickname "Van Dijk" this week. Her formidable defending has been a boon to the teams she has played for.
- Layith for Leading the Way with superb reading of the text "Private Peaceful." Layith's reading has progressed this year due to his hard work and passion for reading, and this has culminated with him reading our class text exactly as Michael Morpugo intended. Awesome job!
- Tom for Aiming High with his amazing gardening skills: Tom has been looking after the school garden with exceptional care during his time in CC, making sure all the plants have enough water every day, especially on hot sunny days!

And some shout-outs to each of the Year 5 classes from their teachers:

- 5 London for Leading The Way with their enthusiastic attitude to learning and commitment to their work every day.
- 5 Le Mans for Working Together - everyone in the team has striven to make themselves and each other better, and this has shone in the sincerity of their shoutouts, supportive clicking and excellent table work.
- 5 Norwich for consistently demonstrating our value of Working Together, both in class and at home, when giving and receiving feedback on written work or sharing opinions in group discussions and debates.

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

What a year it's been! From the merger of KSA & APG and our first trip to the Natural History Museum to life in lockdown and learning in bubbles, we've been through a lot this year and it's been a pleasure getting to know each and every one of you. We enjoyed being able to celebrate the half-way point on your journey to university with you this week and are looking forward to seeing you continue to grow and develop as you move through the school.

Shout outs this week go to:

- Sophia, Hadeel & Jade for aiming high and completing their work diligently to the last day of the year.
- Kenza, Sadia, Nermin and Vittoria for being a great team helping out to tidy the classroom and supporting teammates throughout their time in their bubble.
- Yasmin & Hayah for their teamwork and willingness to throw themselves into any PE activity over the past few weeks.
- Hassan, Tudor, Aaron, Mohamed and Yusuf for always coming up with new activities and games to keep us moving during break and activity.
- Joud, Jood, Elaf and Saja for supporting each other in class with the maths reasoning skills that they have found difficult. Great team !
- Malaak for showing impressive art skills.
- Portia & Vittoria for organising lovely thank you cards.
- Aiden for bringing us all lots of joy with his enthusiasm in football.
- Mason for some thoughtful contributions during our gratitude lesson.
- Christian for asking excellent questions linked to our non-fiction texts.

And finally, shoutouts to each of our bubbles:

- To the Serpent bubble who have worked so well as a team throughout this term to ensure that they made the most of every learning opportunity while still having fun and keeping each other safe.
- To the Griffins bubble for creating a brilliant team during this unusual time and always bringing energy and enthusiasm to their lessons.
- To the Centaurs for their diligent learning and teamwork throughout our return to school, making the most of their final weeks in primary.
- And lastly, to the Unicorns for always leading the way for all other bubbles completing the full 7 weeks of the summer term as a full bubble.

Congratulations on graduating from primary school and all the best for the future!

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

It has been a brilliant last week of the school year for Year 7. It was great to speak to all of you on Tuesday as part of the Year 7 Parents' evening. We loved hearing Year 7's reflections on the year and how excited many of them are about coming back to school in September.

It has been such a strange few months but we are so proud of the way that Year 7 have handled themselves in this time and how much independence they have demonstrated in their learning. Thank you so much for supporting you child so much during this time to continue learning.

We are really excited for Year 7 to return to school as Year 8 in September. I am looking forward to meeting all of them and supporting them to start learning as Year 8 students. A reminder that our year group returns to school on Thursday 10th September. All of Year 7 have been set holiday homework today in each of their subjects. This is due in on Friday 4th September at 12pm. All of the holiday homework has been set online on student share and should be submitted on Microsoft Teams. Please encourage your child to get this done early on in the Summer holidays.

We hope that you have a lovely Summer and look forward to seeing you again in September.

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

What a strange few months it has been, and wow haven't year 8 have handled themselves superbly; we are so proud of them. Through all the adversities they have faced, they have all continued to rise to the challenge of becoming independent learners aged 12/13. They have produced work that teachers have said is the quality they would have expected in the classroom. My hope for all of them is they can return to school in September learning ready and excited to start Y9 content.

Personal highlights for me have included the fantastic assessments following weeks of independent revision and seeing the beautiful artwork that the children have created each week. I didn't realise how many talented artists we have in the year group and I look forward to seeing this develop next year.

Massive thank you to all Y8 families for supporting us and the students through the remote learning period. We feel very grateful to have such a wonderful group of families to work with and have greatly enjoyed speaking to you all so frequently.

Particular shout outs to the Y8s who have been in Community Classrooms, what a joy it has been to spend this time with you, I'm very proud of how you have conducted yourselves. We wish you all a lovely break and are excited to see everyone again in September.

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

It's been another highly successful week for work in Year 9. We have had our second "Upper School Practice" week, with students able to participate in taster lessons that will prepare them for their options next year. Work handed in continues to be of a high standard, with a massive shout out to Kibria for his detailed and accurate rendering of an owl. It was an excellent piece of pencil work.

Over remote learning the class of 2024 have consistently blown me away with their dedication to their learning. Success in Upper School and 6th form is all about the ability to work independently, and almost all students have shown that they've already got this in bucket loads.

To be ready for September students have received a list of items that they need to have over the summer. Firstly, in terms of uniform all students will need to have an Upper School jumper and tie. They should all have the correct KSA PE kit also. Students should also order in the revision guide for Science and make sure their pencil cases are fully stocked for back to school! Summer holiday homework can be found on the student share and is due in on Friday 4th September on Teams. We can't wait to see you all again on Wednesday 9th September! Have a lovely summer.

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

Last week's Virtual Work experience was a huge success, and we hope that the inspiration and motivation which pupils took away from these talks will drive them to further explore areas of interest outside the curriculum over the summer.

We have been so impressed with the dedication of pupils over this term – it is not easy to motivate yourself from home after so many weeks, and the good routines and peer support of year 10 has been a fantastic testament to their team spirit, and how much they care about being on track for a successful Year 11.

I encourage parents and pupils to check out the folder on 'Self-care' that is uploaded along with Year 10 Summer holiday homework on Student Share: there are lots of great ideas and explanations for how to keep yourself healthy mentally and physically. I would not be surprised that some students will need support with their mental health over the summer months, including bedtime and wake up routines, healthy screen time, and opportunities for exercise. We hope that all are able to have a restful summer and we look forward to seeing pupils again on the 11

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

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. All students need to collect their results in person on Thursday 20th August.

Update from Ms Manley on Cohort 2:

Bridging Work has been reviewed by teachers and the sixth form team. Year 11 students and parents should have received updated offers to KSA Sixth Form, based on the successful completion of Bridging Work. If students had been contacted and asked to re-submit Bridging Work, the deadline for this was last Friday. Ms Manley will be in contact regarding your next steps. If you have any questions about the next steps for sixth form, do contact

r.tindell@kingsolomonacademy.org. Please remember that all students must be available to collect their result in-person on Thursday 20th August.

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

Wow, we have come to the end of Year 12, although this is a very different end of the year to what we are used to, we can look back and celebrate the successes of the year.

The students have settled into sixth form life, they hit the ground running, learning lots of new subjects and much harder content. We started the year with a trip to Sussex University, the beginning of new friendships, experiencing a campus university and visiting Brighton for the afternoon. The students have taken many opportunities from Budding Brunel, BP networking day, LBS lecture series and business professional pathways. We had an awesome Halloween party, and just before lockdown some of the Y12s joined us on our international residential to Prague.

The students have worked hard during this time, they have seen progress in their assessments across the year. Many continued to work incredibly hard during lockdown- the weekly student newsletter has had so many shoutouts to students for the exemplary attitudes shown towards remote learning and we have seen many examples of the high quality work completed.

Our sixth form community classroom has been running for 9 weeks now. With students finding space to get some important work done.

We are ending the year with another set of 1:2:1 meetings with every students. This is such an important end to the year for them, and gives us the opportunity to make sure they are ready for Y13

I hope you all have a lovely restful summer, I look forward to seeing you back in September.

Update on Co2020 from Ms Manley and the Y13 team

We hope that parents and Year 13 students are keeping well. Students have replied to UCAS and have confirmed their places at universities. 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 13th 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. Students should engage with the emails that will be sent out in the coming days and weeks regarding Result's Day.

Parents and students – please do continue to reach out if you have any questions and would like further guidance.

Have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday 13th August! Best wishes, Ms Manley and the Sixth Form team.