

Dear parents of children in Years 7 to 13,

We hope you have had a safe and positive time over the summer holiday. We have enjoyed seeing some of the pupils over the summer period, either our exam results pupils or those attending our summer school. We have been very proud of the outcomes and destinations of our pupils, particularly the departing Year 13s who have achieved places in some of the best universities in the country, including Cambridge, LSE, UCL, Warwick and many other selective universities. It is a great reminder of our mission what we are all - staff, pupils and parents - working so hard to achieve.

As we start the year we particularly welcome our new year 7 parents to Secondary.

Ahead of the start of term, we wanted to give the key information you need for your child to start the academic year successfully.

Covid-19 measures

As the government has set out, this year, as much as possible, schools will be focusing on providing a great education without Covid negatively impacting our pupils.

We will therefore not be grouping pupils in bubbles or asking them to wear face coverings.

The school day will revert and our expectations, including of uniform, homework, behaviour and attendance will return to those before the pandemic. We will continue to put in place key control measures, particularly around testing, hygiene, and ventilation, but as much as possible it will be “business as usual” across both primary and secondary.

1. Dates for return to school – Asymptomatic testing

All pupils from year 7-13 must attend Lateral Flow Testing on Thursday and Friday.

Please note the information for year 12 and Year 9 have been slightly updated.

| Thursday 2nd September | | Friday 3rd September | |
|--|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 8.30am | Old 6 Birmingham | | |
| 9.00am | Old 6 Nottingham | | |
| 9.30am | Old 6 Plymouth | | |
| 10.00am | 10 Durham | 10.00am | 8 Leeds (was 7 Liverpool) |
| 10.20am | 10 Aix | 10.20am | 8 Bristol (was 7 Oxford) |
| 10.40am | 10 Liverpool | 10.40am | 8 Exeter (was 7 York) |
| 11.00am | 12 Surnames A-B | 11.00am | 9 Queen Mary (was 8 RH) |
| 11.20am | 12 Surnames C-J | 11.20am | 9 Duke (was 8 LSE) |
| 11.30am | 12 Surnames K-M | 11.30am | 9 Leicester (was 8 Bristol) |
| 11.40am | 12 Surnames N-Z | 11.40am | 11 Nottingham (was 10 UCL) |
| 12.00pm | 13 Aconcagua (was 12 Nevis) | 12.00pm | 11 Goldsmiths (was 10 Brighton) |
| 12.20pm | 13 Olympus (was 12 Snowdon) | 12.20pm | 11 Aberystwyth (was 10 Cardiff) |
| 12.40pm | 13 Fuji (was 12 Donard) | 12.30pm | TLC |
| 13.00pm | 13 Kili (was 12 Helvellyn) | | |

Pupils should arrive promptly at the Penfold Street main entrance at the allotted time. Pupils will be tested and leave again immediately, the whole process is likely to take 15 to 30 minutes maximum. If you are unable to attend, please email parents@kingsolomonacademy.org. Dress code is casual, pupils do not need to wear school uniform.

2. Dates for return to school – Learning

| Year group | Asymptomatic Testing (Secondary Only)* | Start back in school in lessons |
|-------------------|---|--|
| Year 7 | 2 nd September | 6 th September |
| Year 8 | 3 rd September | 8 th September |
| Year 9 | 3 rd September | 8 th September |
| Year 10 | 2 nd September | 7 th September |
| Year 11 | 3 rd September | 8 th September |
| Year 12 | 2 nd September | 6 th September |
| Year 13 | 3 rd September | 7 th September |

Pupils should arrive on time (8.10-8.20am) on their first day back, with all the correct equipment.

3. Timings for the start and end of the school day

| Year group | Arrival time | Departure time | Arrival location |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Years 7-11 | 8.10am-8.20am | 4.00pm Mondays 3.00pm | Bell Street |
| 6 th form | 8.10am-8.20am | 3.00pm | Lisson Street |
| Breakfast club | 7.45am-8.10am | n/a | Penfold Street main entrance |

4. Launch of Magic Breakfast

From September, we will be launching Magic Breakfast, which aims to make sure no child starts their lessons hungry in the morning. More information about this programme is available [here](#). All Secondary pupils who would like to, can come early to school between 7.45am and 8.10am to have a free bagel with butter in the new hall. Pupils will enter through the Penfold Street main entrance to access this provision.

5. Asymptomatic home testing in Secondary

All pupils will be given home tests in the first week back. It is strongly advised that all Secondary pupils across the country continue to test at home twice a week throughout September. Pupils should report test results to NHS Track and Trace [NHS LINK HERE](#) and to the KSA Internal Log [KSA LINK HERE](#).

6. Uniform

A reminder that if you are buying **new uniform, school shoes, PE trainers or coats** over the Summer, please check the uniform expectations [here](#). Please in particular be aware of the shoe and coat expectations so that money is not spent on incorrect items.

We look forward to welcoming back your child on the 2nd or 3rd September for testing.

Regards,

Max Haimendorf
Principal