



# KINGSDALE 11-19 FOUNDATION SCHOOL

Alleyn Park, Dulwich, London SE21 8SQ Tel:020 8670 7575 Fax:020 8766 7051

E-mail: [info@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:info@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk) Web:

[www.kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk](http://www.kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk)

Headteacher: Mr S. H. Morrison



## Co-educational Academy of Advanced, Artistic and Academic Studies

6<sup>th</sup> April 2020

### Re: Important Update – Easter

Dear Parent(s), Guardian(s), Carer(s),

We hope this email find all of our students and families well at this unusual time. We would like to thank parents for the kind words of support we have received and for the understanding shown whilst we have established new routines of home learning and ways of working with our students.

Please be reassured that we do understand the challenges that our students (and their parents!) are facing in attempting to manage school work in new and sometimes difficult circumstances. We are continually refining the work we set our students in light of feedback received and specifically the information supplied to us by parents as part of our current online questionnaire. We would like to thank all parents who have contributed to this survey to date. Should you have not yet done so, the questionnaire remains open and can be accessed via this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/58JTTBT> A student version has been sent directly for completion to our students' school email addresses and can also be accessed here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JYHKTP9> .

We remain especially mindful of the impact the sudden government decision to cancel national examinations has had on our Year 11 and 13 students and realise that they must be feeling very unsure and uncertain of their situation. Upper & Senior School pastoral staff have been making contact with their cohorts throughout the recent period of closure and will continue to do so moving forward to ensure our students are coping well and are supported. Please note that in light of new information released on Friday afternoon by Ofqual regarding arrangements for the awarding of examination grades this academic year, we shall be writing to parents and students affected imminently with the latest updates. Thank you for your understanding whilst we have assimilated the available information to ensure clarity of message for our students.

We have listened to the feedback we have received from many parents regarding our expectations of student work over the traditional Easter break. Accordingly, we would expect all students to take at least one week of the two where they complete no school work of any kind. We hope that this will give them a rest from what has certainly been a challenging and demanding half-term for them all. For the remainder of the Easter period, rather than normal class work, subject teachers of students in Years 7-10 & 12, have set optional enrichment and broader-based projects on SMHW which we hope the students will enjoy completing. Please note that students should not have been set and are not expected to complete, any 30 minute class-based tasks by their teachers for the two-week Easter period.

Furthermore, where students have been unable to complete some of the class tasks set over the previous two weeks, due to understandable circumstances or reasons, teachers have again been instructed to take this in to consideration and to be reasonable in their expectations. We hope that as we move forward in to the next term, our experiences of the last two weeks, alongside the introduction of online lessons via Microsoft Teams, will continue to improve our remote learning provision even further. Please do not hesitate to contact us via [remotelarning@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:remotelarning@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk) with any queries you may have.



As part of our pastoral support programme, tutors and other colleagues have been reaching out to their students through SMHW messages, email and phone during the last two weeks of school closure. Please encourage your child to check their SMHW messages and school email to ensure that they have not missed any of these communications as the welfare of our students remains our main priority.

Finally, we appreciate that the current national situation may mean that there may now be more students eligible for Free School Meals than we have currently registered. If your situation has changed, or you have not claimed previously and would now like to, please do contact us for a confidential discussion via [attendanceoffice@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:attendanceoffice@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk) and we will be happy to discuss the various ways that we may be able to support and assist.

We wish all families a restful and safe Easter period. Please remember that all our recent communications and key contact addresses can be located on our website in a dedicated section. You can access this area via this link <http://kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk/index.php?/news-and-events/COVID-19-Information-Area>

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized initial 'A' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Andrew Sear  
Deputy Headteacher  
Kingsdale Foundation School