



# KINGSDALE 11-19 FOUNDATION SCHOOL

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

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Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers,

### Re: Year 10 Supplementary Curriculum Provision (for early entry GCSEs) & March 2021 Assessment Arrangements

I hope that all of our Kingsdale extended community is safe and well at this challenging time for us all. I am writing to provide an update as to how we are preparing and supporting our Year 10 cohort as they undertake their preparations for their early entry GCSEs in either Religious Education (RE) or Citizenship. We have decided to proceed with entering all eligible students in Year 10 for their early GCSE subject as planned. Hence, students will receive a GCSE grade this Summer in either RE or Citizenship and means they will also have much more curriculum time in Year 11 to focus on their other subjects when hopefully some form of normality will have returned. We believe it is important to reduce the examination burden next year whilst not disregarding the work students have invested during lockdown. We feel students should be rewarded for the work that they have done without detriment. The opportunity will exist, at no additional cost for students, to resit any early entry exam should they so choose.

We appreciate that this is not an easy period for our students who continue to face uncertainty as to the final assessment arrangements for Summer 2021. At the time of writing we are still awaiting the outcome of the recent national consultation which is due for publication by the end of this month. Despite the continuing doubt, it remains most likely that assessment decisions made by subject teachers up until May 2021 will form a key part of any final assessment outcome for our GCSE humanities cohorts.

Consequently, on Thursday 1st April, Year 10 students will be undertaking Curriculum Assessments in either RE or Citizenship. The purpose of these assessments is to give the students an opportunity to show what they know, understand and can do based on work completed since September 2020. The papers will last no more than one hour. Students will be provided in advance with a full list of topics which will appear on the papers. In addition, at this time, relevant teaching colleagues have been asked to only set homework for RE and Citizenship that specifically supports revision for these assessments.

Do not hesitate to contact the Humanities department via [Humanities@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:Humanities@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk) or Heads of Learning via [year10hol@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:year10hol@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk) should you have any queries.

Please be advised these plans are provisional and subject to change depending on the latest Department for Education/Ofqual guidance released.

Yours sincerely,

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Director of Humanities

