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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to update you on where we are on this first day of national school closures. Special provision is in place as a last resort for the children of key workers. Thank you to those of you who have completed the online form to request this provision.

Contacting school

We need to do all we can to support social distancing.

To this end, reception is no longer being physically staffed in the College. You can telephone the College as normal, and your call will be answered remotely, or you can email admin@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk.

If your child needs IT support with respect to accessing resources or online lessons, select option 9 after dialling the main school number.

Please also refer to the school website for additional information.

Trips and visits

We have reluctantly taken the decision to cancel all trips and visits planned for the rest of this academic year, including Challenge Week. We appreciate that many of our families will be worried about their finances at the moment, and so Education South West have decided that any risk lies with us as an organisation rather than parents. We will refund any payments that you have already made as soon as we possibly can.

Completion of work

Teachers are setting work whilst the College is closed.

For Years 7,8,9,10 and 12

Teachers are setting work using Show My Homework as the main online platform for communication of tasks. Tasks will be uploaded with titles in the format: Subject, Lesson, Date, Period to help students organise their timetable. In addition, some teachers will deliver lessons via Skype and others will use established Google Classrooms. We expect students to complete this work to a high standard, just as they would if they were in College. This maintains a work-habit and ensures that students are not at a disadvantage when they resume their studies in College in the future. Please encourage and monitor your child(ren) yourselves. We will also be monitoring work completion, and will be in touch if we have concerns.

Years 11 and 13

We appreciate the uncertainty being experienced by students, and can reassure you that we are confident that the arrangements being put in place are as good and as fair as possible in the circumstances. Although we are awaiting confirmation from exam boards, we expect to be asked for predicted grades for all those students who were to take external exams this summer. These will be

decided using our professional judgement, taking into account everything we know about achievement and attitude to date. Any results achieved in Pre-Public Exams will be taken into account but will be only a part of the judgement. Individual teacher assessments will be moderated across the College, and will be moderated again by exam boards to maintain overall national performance at levels similar to previous years. We know our students well, so please do not feel the need to email us in order to make the case for a particular grade. If a student is unhappy with the grade finally awarded by the exam board in July, it seems that they will have the opportunity to take an exam next year. We understand that the numbers taking this opportunity are expected to be very small.

We believe that it is good practice for Year 11 and 13 to continue to have a routine, and to continue to work to prepare themselves for the next stage of their education. It is the choice of students and parents whether to complete this work, and the extent to which you wish to be prepared for possible exams next year. To this end:

- Teachers will upload work that is necessary in order to complete the course to Show My Homework. It is important that year 11 and year 13 complete this work in order that they can take any future exams should this be necessary.
- Teachers may also request that any outstanding coursework/Non-Examined Assessment is completed. This will only be the case if it can be completed electronically from home and where exam board rules allow this to happen.
- In addition, teachers may signpost reading and work that will help to prepare year 11 students who are planning to continue that subject at post-16 level.

These are unprecedented times for us all. We will continue to do all we can to support you and your children, and please do not hesitate to get in touch if we can be of any help,

Yours sincerely,



Tina Graham