

Week beginning Monday 28th September 2020 (Week A)

We hope you had a good weekend. If you have any concerns, however small you think they are, please talk to your Tutor, Mrs Booth, Miss Iwanczuk or Mrs Livings.

Safety matters first......

 Thank you for continuing to wear your face masks and please remember to observe the 2m distancing



guidelines around school.



- Following national developments face masks will be compulsory in school
 when not eating, drinking or in lessons from Tuesday- most of you have
 been wearing them anyway and this will simply mean doing the same as
 you have been doing. If you forget your mask please see Mrs Booth, but do
 be aware that we have limited funds to keep supplying them.
- Please also remember that you should not closely congregate together during break and lunch.
- When working in the Common Room or any classroom you should work facing forwards at all times.
- Please stay in the 6th Form areas at break and lunchtime if you are on site. Please do not go to the main canteen.
- Please don't share drinks etc and please think about how you are standing when chatting- are you too near? Please keep to the safety advice.
- Please be very quiet when moving around main school during lesson changeovers



Dates to remember.....



- ➤ Monday 28th September: Subject Mentor Meeting 3.15pm in the IT Suite for a very quick meeting- thank you
- November19^{th:} 6th Form Parents' Evening with video calls being used. Details to follow



The New 6th Form Centre

- We have noticed an excellent start to the care and consideration exercised in the new centre- thank you very much.
- **Toilets:** Thank you for following the 'lid down' policy- please continue to do so.
- Eating in the IT suite: Due to safety measures we are aware there aren't enough seats in the Common Room so we understand that until this changes some of you will need to eat upstairs in order to sit down. As the floor is carpeted in the IT Suite we really need a complete 'no crumb policy' up there please. Please follow this so that we can keep the room open for you at lunch.
- Please also don't turn chairs around, unless you are keeping a 2m distance and please don't use the soft chairs.

Study periods

Thank you all for respecting our quiet study period in the Common Room, the attitude to learning this week has been fantastic, you are showing what mature and conscientious young people you are. The IT suite also needs to be silent during lesson times so that you can focus fully on your work.

Remember, if you need a quiet place to study, the Common Room and IT suite are open until **6.00pm each day**. It has been great to see so many of you using it already to work in before and after school.

If you have a group task that is going to involve you needing to talk to each other, during study periods, please see Mrs Booth who will do her best to find a space for you. Please don't use the Meeting Room without permission.





Signing in and out

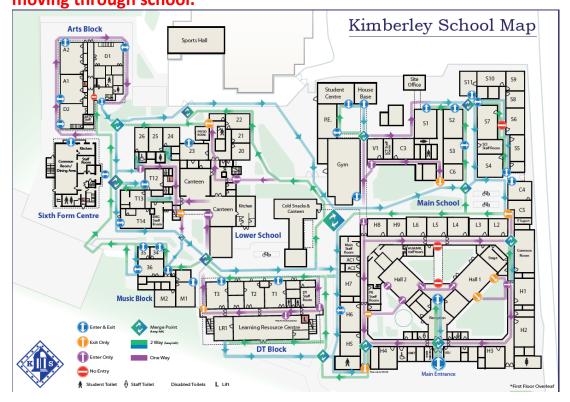
Please make sure you take a few seconds to sign into the Common Room when you arrive and sign out when you leave the school premises (for example if you are going out for lunch). This will help us to have a clear idea of who is in school should we need to evacuate in an emergency. This is only necessary if you leave early or come in after period 1

Lanyards

Year 13 please ensure you wear your lanyards around school, if you have lost the card, holder or ribbon please see Mrs Booth as soon as possible who will be able to organise a replacement for you.

<u>The one way system</u>: Please note the direction you must go around main school when wanting to leave school.....turn left on entry and keep going around.

Please, please be aware that lessons are going on all day around school- you must move quietly around when leaving and moving. Please wear a mask when moving through school.







Main school can be accessed via the main reception however it will only be possible to either enter reception or turn left on arrival:

- During the day students will only enter main school via the rear door (facing the gym) and will
 turn left to pass the language classrooms and then all the way around until H4 where they will
 have no choice but to exit by the doors adjacent to the boy's toilets.
- Access via the door adjacent to the boy's toilet is only permissible to students who have lessons
 in H4 and H5. Students should line up outside the toilets on the markers and will be collected by
 staff teaching in these areas.
- H6 and C5 classrooms use their own external entrances/exit doors

6th Form centre one way reminder

Sixth form

Students requiring access to lessons should enter the Sixth Form Centre via the main entrance and use the front staircase, keeping to the left within the corridors. Students should exit via the rear staircase to reduce congestion. Students requiring access to the common room should enter via the side door opposite the Art block. They should either leave by the rear exit to the garden or go through to the foyer and up the stairs to access lessons.

If you need to speak to a member of staff please use the window at the office or the office door from the common room observing the 2m rule and wearing a face mask if you want to talk to a member of staff.

Face masks need to be worn in the foyer, stairs and corridors of the new centre

Year 12 Enrichment (We need to know where you are every Wednesday.....)

Please ensure you have signed up for an Enrichment activity. This applies even if you have a timetabled subject lesson for one of your period 4 lessons on Wednesday. Some of you have subject lessons period 4 on a Week A Cookery starts this week.

Those of you who have opted to do cooking as your enrichment should have received an email from Mrs Booth explaining how the afternoon will work. Due to the lunch break falling between Periods 4 and 5 it is being run differently. If you are confused please see Mrs Booth.

If you change your mind about the activity you want to do, please let us know and we will do what we can to get you onto another activity.

Message from Mr Jolly

Year13 Mathematics Revision Sessions (To prepare for the end of half term assessments)





Wednesday 30th Sept: 15:10 - 16:00 LR1 Accumulated Topics for Assessment 1a Wednesday 7th Oct: 15:10 - 16:00 LR1 Accumulated Topics for Assessment 1b

Joke of the week

What breed of dog can jump higher than buildings?

Any dog because buildings can't jump



This week to:

Katie Walker, Emily Smith and Luke Sparkes – 2nd October

Role models: Please set a good example at all times

As well as not using your phone publicly around school please also use study periods for studying, either in the Common Room, the IT suite or at home. As Sixth Formers, you play a big part in setting the work ethic around school. If younger students see you, for instance, relaxing outside and not working, they may feel that this is acceptable behaviour. So, show them how it's done!

Dress Code

Just a reminder to all sixth form students that although there is a non-uniform policy, appropriate clothing is expected to be worn, school is a professional environment and the way we dress needs to reflect this. Please cover up properly even when the weather is hot. It is going to be warm this week so please think about your clothing.

Year 13 - Need help with UCAS?

It was wonderful to have so many of you staying late this Friday after school

When? Friday after school Where? Common Room





Financial help in the Sixth Form

If you think you may qualify for a financial payment, please use the following link: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h4JaFYDSiky-6glrnTAOBhbVGSkW34RlgrKjl0BYkC1UQkMzOUY4M1VKNIFWVIYzQU42N1IJSkg4Si4u

If you have received free school meals in Year 11 or your parents have an NHS Exemption certificate you will certainly be entitled to a monthly payment from school to help you. Additionally if your parents earn less than £20,000 you will be entitled to help (If the household income is less than £25,000 you may also get some help. If you have received free school meals in the past you are entitled to them again, from the 6th Form canteen. Please talk to Mrs Booth if you are worried about this.

Careers Advice

We have the careers advisor in school on alternate Wednesday afternoons. If you would like an appointment please see Mrs Booth

School Nurse

The school nurse is available each week – (the day to be confirmed) to offer confidential advice and support.

Emails

Please keep checking your emails, this is a vital tool for helping us communicate important information to you. If you have any problems with your school email account, please go and see our ICT staff or mention it to Mrs Booth.

SMHW

You should all have login details for this, please see Mrs Booth if you have forgotten yours

Tutor time

When? Tuesday, P3
Compulsory – every week.

This period of time is carefully planned each week and essential for ensuring you have the necessary information about future possibilities, as well as making sure we have done everything we can to ensure your success on your courses.



Ready to Learn: Please prepare properly before your lessons. Subject staff will set work for forthcoming lesson. If you fail to do this you will not be ready to learn and your progress, given the amount of sheer content at A Level, will be seriously affected. Please be, 'Ready to Learn'.

Lockers

If you



would like a sixth form locker please see Mrs Booth.

Tea and Coffee in the Common Room

Look out for more information

<u>Hot drinks-please don't walk around</u> with hot drinks unless they are in a covered top cup-all it takes is for you to be bumped in to and someone could get burnt.

<u>Please do not take holidays in term time:</u> Please do not book holidays during term time. Please talk to your parents about this. Year 12 break up for the summer on 23rd July next year so please ensure your parents know this.

Opportunities

A webinar for anyone interested in applying for Medicine now or next year.....

Title: The Medical School Personal Statement

Host: Dr April Diviney

Date: Wednesday 30th September

Time: 7pm

Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/5015992349118/WN_dGR7Ftt1ShqqHKYPYCXIkQ





Please feel free to forward to students/staff. If we can further support your school and students with the medical school applications in any way, please let me know.

A great set of 'Educational opportunities': Please see below a set of free lectures

Gresham College's free public lectures (running since 1597).

Our lectures are delivered by world-class experts in fields ranging across the arts and sciences. For teachers, they are highly relevant to the school and post-16 curriculum. For students they are a resource for careers advice, EPQ projects and UCAS statements. They are currently held online, and we have a searchable back catalogue of 2,500 free digital lectures on our website (ordered by school subject at www.gresham.ac.uk/schools).

2020-21 LECTURES:

ASTRONOMY

A series called <u>Cosmic Vision</u> by Astronomy Professor Katherine Blundell, and another by Visiting Professor Roberto Trotta, <u>The Unexpected Universe</u>.

BUSINESS / ECONOMICS

A series on <u>The Psychology of Finance</u> by Business Professor Alex Edmans; a series on <u>Intergenerational Justice</u> by Visiting Professor Martin Daunton.

CLASSICS

A three part series on Great Thinkers by Visiting Professor Edith Hall.

ENGLISH

The <u>Powers of the Novel</u> by Visiting Professor John Mullan, a one-off lecture on <u>Offensive Shakespeare</u>, a series on 'classic' film, <u>Exploding the Film Canon</u> by Visiting Professor lan Christie.

GEOGRAPHY

Two short series about the environment, <u>Our Connected World</u>, and <u>How to Build a</u> Just and Prosperous Planet, by Professor Jacqueline McGlade.

HISTORY

A fascinating series on <u>Evil Women</u> in history by Professor Joanna Bourke; a series on <u>England's Reformations</u> by Professor Alec Ryrie; a <u>Black History Month</u> series; a





series about <u>Darwin</u> and his impact by Visiting Professor Jim Endersby and lots of <u>one-off lectures</u>.

IT

<u>Great Ideas From Computer Science</u> by Professor Richard Harvey, which includes algorithms, data, programs and networks; a lecture on <u>AI and Humour</u> by Visiting Professor Yorick Wilks.

LAW / POLITICS / CITIZENSHIP

<u>Death, the State and Human Rights</u> by Professor Leslie Thomas QC will discuss police restraint and inquests into deaths in custody (Black Lives Matter); <u>The Politics of the Courtroom</u> by Visiting Professor Thomas Grant will weigh the balance between politicians and the courts.

MATHEMATICS

Gresham Professor Sarah Hart will look at <u>Mathematics in Music and Writing</u>, Professor Kevin Buzzard will ask <u>Will Computers Outsmart Mathematicians</u>, Dr Kit Yates discusses <u>The Maths of Life and Death</u>.

MEDICINE

<u>Major Debates in Public Health</u> by the Chief Medical Officer for England Professor Chris Whitty, and <u>Performing Medicine</u> by Visiting Professor Roger Kneebone includes a lecture on knife crime.

MUSIC

Russian Piano Masterpieces by Music Professor Marina Frolova-Walker; 100 years of BBC Radio by Visiting Professor Jeremy Summerly; Dr Xenia Pestova-Bennett will look at Toy and Cyborg Pianos.

News Item of the Week: Tragic shooting of a policeman....Croydon police shooting: Man arrested on suspicion of supplying the firearm used to kill Matt Ratana.







Matt Ratana moved to the UK in 1989 and joined the Met Police two years later

Detectives investigating the murder of a police officer in south London have arrested a man on suspicion of supplying a firearm.

Sgt Matiu Ratana, from New Zealand, died in hospital on Friday after being shot in Croydon as a handcuffed suspect was being taken into

custody. Officers made the arrest at about 02:00 BST in Norwich.

The suspect in the shooting, who is thought to have shot himself, remains in a critical condition in hospital.

He had initially been arrested for an alleged drugs offence and possession of ammunition.

The shots were fired as officers prepared to search the suspect - who was still handcuffed - with a metal detector, according to watchdog the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC).

The new arrest comes as Sgt Ratana, 54, was remembered by friends and teammates at East Grinstead Rugby Club, where he was head coach.

BBC News

Thought for the week







