



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term there are a few things that I would like to share with you. I will attempt to keep this letter as short as possible!

- 1) **Thank you.** Your children are lucky to have you and we are lucky to get the chance to work with your children. I am proud of how the whole community has come together in the last few months. In difficult circumstances, it feels to me that school and parents have worked together to: look after our children; keep them safe; and keep them on track academically and socially. I am looking forward to working with you all to return all of our students quickly and safely to the normality, routines and structure of school and learning.
- 2) **Ideas for the Summer.** There are many fantastic opportunities for our students in the local community and beyond. Mrs Frost-Briggs has compiled a [presentation packed with ideas for the summer](#). I would urge you to look through this presentation with your children and to explore if there are any activities that they would like to take part in as many of these could provide a helpful stepping-stone as they prepare for September.
- 3) **Virtual Balloon Race.** I have been contacted by a parent who would like to raise some money over the holidays that the school can use to support children who are affected by the return to school after Covid-19. If you would like to contribute to this, then please consider joining the Sahara Desert virtual balloon race. The race lasts for 7 days and follows weather conditions. The school will keep almost 80% of the profits and this will be spent on students in the autumn term. The first prize is £500. Please note that this race is open to other groups and charities. It's easy to take part go to <https://ecoracing.co/> and search for Kimberley School. Purchase a balloon for £3. Enter the race on 8th August and follow your balloon's progress across the Sahara Desert.
- 4) **Mornington Bus.** The Mornington 645 School Bus is running from September. However, the bus company have informed us that they will no longer be accepting cash payments. Therefore, parents and carers will need to pay for this transport on the school's online parent pay system. In order to be able to access this transport parents and carers will need to:
  - a. Complete this [online form](#) to apply for a Bus Pass for their child/children. You should complete this form before the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2020. Following this date, the school will post the Bus Pass to you before the start of term. Your child will not be able to travel on the Mornington Bus without this Bus Pass.
  - b. You will also need to prepay for journeys on the school's online Parent Pay system. When you log on to Parent Pay you will see Mornington Bus as an option. Each journey costs £1. Preferably £10 per week which should be paid for in advance but this can be weekly, monthly or termly in advance. Bus Passes will be withdrawn if payments are not made.
- 5) Our **fantastic Year Performance Leaders** have recorded an [assembly for the whole school](#). Please do watch this with your children. I think it's brilliant

- 6) **As we get nearer to September** I will be in touch with information to help prepare yourselves and your children for returning to school. In the meantime, please remember that I will collate all the information we share with you on the [September Opening](#) page of the website. This page of the website also sets out how parents can send any questions or comments about the plans for September.
- 7) In these strange times, we are also saying **goodbye to several valued colleagues**. Mr Smith (ICT), Mr Harrison (English), Miss Pengelly (Geography) and Mrs Bannister (Student Support) are moving onto new opportunities. Mrs Fitzsimons (Assistant Head Teacher), Mrs Tenreiro (MFL Teacher) and Mr Chambers (History) are retiring. I know that you will want to join me in thanking them all to the contribution that they have made to our school and community and wish them all well. Please do be reassured that we have been able to recruit specialist staff to fill all posts and that we are fully staffed for September.
- 8) **We are also saying goodbye to Year 13** who will enjoy and I am sure you will too, so here is the link. [leavers' video from staff](#). It is also time to say **goodbye to students in Year 11** who won't be returning to our Sixth Form in September. Although, of course, we will still have the opportunity to see everyone on Results' Days in August.
- 9) Thank you again for all of your support throughout this year. Please do continue to monitor your emails and the school website as we will continue to share information with you as we prepare for September.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A George', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andrew George  
Head Teacher