

Kimberley School

SIXTH FORM

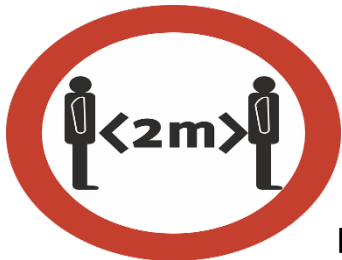
BULLETIN

6th

Week beginning Monday 14th September 2020 (Week A)

We hope you had a good weekend and feel that you have settled well into (or back into) the Sixth Form. 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.
- Please that during  also remember you should not closely congregate together 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.



Thank you all for your perfect behaviour and attitude during the fire drill practise last week- we couldn't have asked for a better demonstration of how to act during a drill.

Dates for the Diary:

- **Tuesday 15th September after school:** Please can the Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputies, Year Captains and any Year 13s who signed up for positions of responsibility in the Charity Committee, meet in the IT suite for a quick meeting about the Information Evening
- **Wednesday 16th after school:** Meeting for subject mentors at 3.15pm in the IT Suite
- **Thursday 17th September:** Year 12 Information Evening for students only (no parents I am afraid due to Covid regulations) 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm.
- **Friday 25th September:** INSET DAY (A chance to make sure you are on top of your work!)

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**

Study periods

Thank you all for respecting our quiet study period in the Common Room, after a slightly rocky start on Wednesday the attitude of everyone to the policy has been excellent. The IT suite will also need 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

Keeping the new centre perfect

Please put all your litter in the bins



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

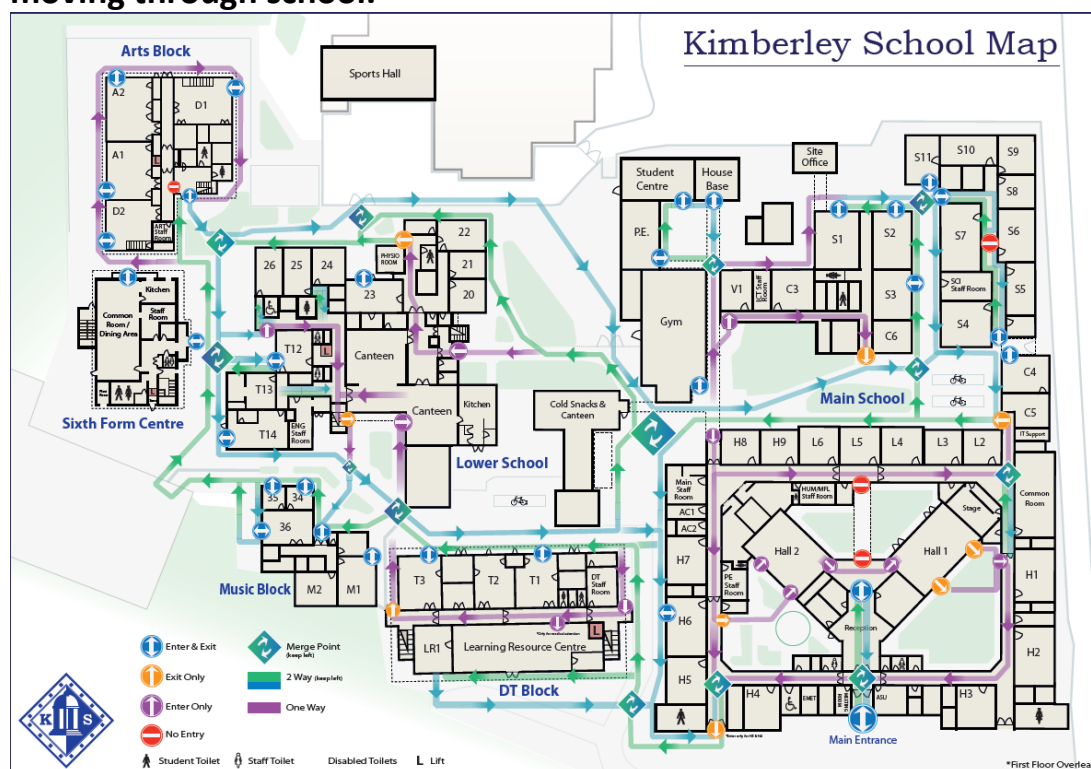
Lanyards

These will be distributed to Year 12 students on Tuesday.

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.

The one way system: 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 this 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. Please be aware there is no cookery this week- it starts next week (you will be sent the recipe) If you are doing Cookery you should come to the Common Room and work there for the session please. Please let Mrs Booth know you have arrived.** 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.

Joke of the week

How did the Barber win the race?





This week to:

Ishvan and Reuben Singh

Subject mentoring after school for all Year 12

Year 13s traditionally offer to support students in Year 12 with their subjects. This can be a really helpful resource to help make a success of Year 12.

At the Information Evening on Thursday you will have a chance to meet some of the subject mentors

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-6glrnTAOBhbVGSkW34RlgrKjl0BYkC1UQkMzOUY4M1VKNIFWVIYzQU42N1lJSkg4Si4u>

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.

Joke Answer: He knew a short cut!!

Careers Advice

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

School Nurse

The school nurse is available every Wednesday lunchtime, 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



Timetable issues

We appreciate that there have been lots of changes to individual timetables. Thank you for your patience and please keep letting us know of any changes that we may not be aware of.



Year 13s, if you have dropped a subject and it is still on your timetable please come and see Mrs Booth or Mrs Livings.

Also, remember Year 12s that you can't study a subject for which you have not met the entry requirements. If you think a mistake has been made on your timetable in this way, please do come and tell us.

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

Teachers will normally set you work that involves preparing for the next lesson, such as reading through the next topic and making notes on the content of the 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**'.

Year 12 Information Evening

On Thursday 17th September we are running a Year 12 Information Evening for you, sadly your parents can't attend. Some Year 13s will talk personally about their time in Year 12 on the evening and we will go over the key dates and the details we think it is important to know at the start of the year. We have done this for the past three years and it has helped students to understand more about the experience of being a 6th Former. Please attend at 5.30pm if you possibly can.



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

Hot drinks-please don't walk around 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.

Please do not take holidays in term time. 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.

A great Educational opportunity: 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 [Cosmic Vision](#) by Astronomy Professor Katherine Blundell, and another by Visiting Professor Roberto Trotta, [The Unexpected Universe](#).



BUSINESS / ECONOMICS

A series on [The Psychology of Finance](#) by Business Professor Alex Edmans; a series on [Intergenerational Justice](#) by Visiting Professor Martin Daunton.

CLASSICS

A three part series on [Great Thinkers](#) by Visiting Professor Edith Hall.

ENGLISH

The [Powers of the Novel](#) by Visiting Professor John Mullan, a one-off lecture on [Offensive Shakespeare](#), a series on 'classic' film, [Exploding the Film Canon](#) by Visiting Professor Ian Christie.

GEOGRAPHY

Two short series about the environment, [Our Connected World](#), and [How to Build a Just and Prosperous Planet](#), by Professor Jacqueline McGlade.

HISTORY

A fascinating series on [Evil Women](#) in history by Professor Joanna Bourke; a series on [England's Reformations](#) by Professor Alec Ryrie; a [Black History Month](#) series; a series about [Darwin](#) and his impact by Visiting Professor Jim Endersby and lots of [one-off lectures](#).

IT

[Great Ideas From Computer Science](#) by Professor Richard Harvey, which includes algorithms, data, programs and networks; a lecture on [AI and Humour](#) by Visiting Professor Yorick Wilks.

LAW / POLITICS / CITIZENSHIP

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

MATHEMATICS

Gresham Professor Sarah Hart will look at [Mathematics in Music and Writing](#), Professor Kevin Buzzard will ask [Will Computers Outsmart Mathematicians](#), Dr Kit Yates discusses [The Maths of Life and Death](#).

MEDICINE

[Major Debates in Public Health](#) by the Chief Medical Officer for England Professor



Chris Whitty, and [Performing Medicine](#) 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 : New rules on social gatherings come in to place on Monday.....

Coronavirus: Children will stay part of rule of six, says Gove

- 12 September 2020

- [Coronavirus pandemic](#)



The "rule of six", the latest limits on social gatherings in England, will not be changed to exempt children under 12, Michael Gove has insisted.

The new rules, which limit six people to meeting indoors and outdoors, come into effect on Monday.

Similar rules in Wales and Scotland do not include children under 11 and 12 respectively. But Mr Gove said the England rules were "absolutely right".

It comes as one scientist warned UK could lose control of the virus.

"One would have to say that we're on the edge of losing control," Prof Sir Mark Walport, a member of the government's Sage scientific advisory group told BBC Radio 4's Today programme.

"You've only got to look across the Channel to see what is happening in France and what's happening in Spain."

Prof Walport said it was very important that children go to school and students return to university - but social interactions would have to be limited in other areas.

"The only way to stop the spread of this infection is to reduce the number of people we all come into contact with," he added.

Cabinet Office minister Michael Gove said the rule of six was "well-understood" as a public health message and had the public's support.



"As ever, the important thing is balance - eating out, seeing friends - that is fine, provided we do so in a way that is socially responsible, that's what the rule of six is about."

He said some people had "unwittingly" contributed to the spread of the virus because of the way they had interacted, adding: "So therefore, a clear message - as simple as possible - makes it easier for all of us to do what is helpful to others."

Rules and guidance on meeting up

	England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland
 How many people outdoors?	Six from multiple households from 14 Sep	Up to six aged 12+ from two households, from 14 Sep	Up to 30 outdoors	Up to 15 outdoors
 At what distance?	1m 'plus'	2m apart (less in some premises)	2m apart – age 11+ only (less in some premises)	2m apart
 Indoors	Six from multiple households from 14 Sep	Up to six aged 12+ from two households, from 14 Sep	Up to six people aged 12+ from an "extended household" from 14 Sep	Six people from two households

BBC

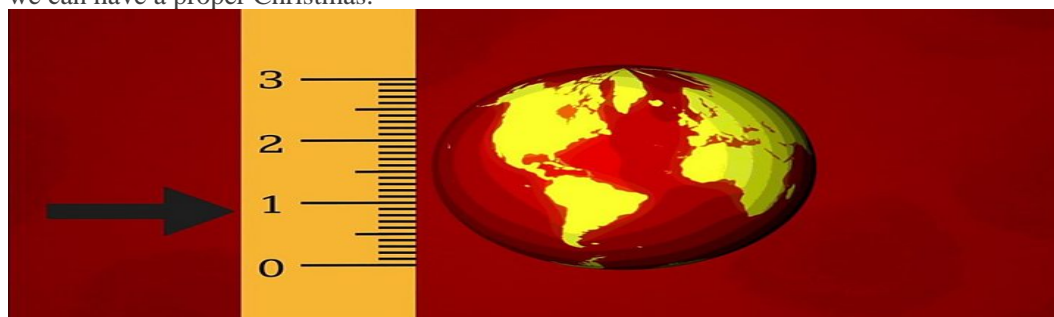
Speaking on Radio 4, he added that there needed to be "a degree of self-discipline and restriction" in order to deal with the challenges posed by the rising number of coronavirus cases across England - **and the escalating R number**, which measures the rate at which the virus is transmitted.

Speaking on BBC Breakfast, he urged the public to behave in "a responsible fashion" amid fears people might treat it as a "party weekend", ahead of the new restrictions coming into effect next week.

"These rules and regulations are there for our protection, but also for the protection of the most vulnerable in society", citing the elderly or those with underlying health conditions "who face far grimmer consequences" if they contract Covid-19.

"The onus is on all of us to do everything we can to make sure we abide by those rules.

"Then we can ensure, in due course, that these restrictions can be relaxed - and my hope, like so many, is that we can have a proper Christmas."



What is the R number and what does it mean?

In the immediate future, Mr Gove agreed fines could be necessary to enforce regulations. It **follows a story in the Times**, which says the government is looking at introducing fines for people who refuse to self-isolate when required.

"I don't want to see fines being levied, but even more I do not want to see people behaving in a way that puts the most vulnerable at risk," Mr Gove told Radio 4.

Asked about Prof Walport's statement that the UK was "losing control", Mr Gove said it was "a warning to us all".

"There's a range of scientific opinion, but one thing on which practically every scientist is agreed is that we have seen an uptick in infection and therefore it is appropriate we take public health measures."

Sage found that only about 20% of people who have symptoms or live in a household where someone else has symptoms adhere to self-isolation requirements.

"Sometimes there's an argument that's depicted, as though this is pernicious of the liberty of freedom-loving people - well there are restrictions, and I love freedom, but the one thing I think is even more important is that you exercise freedom with responsibility," said Mr Gove.

Some Conservative backbenchers have protested about enhanced regulations, such as the rule of six, and pressed the government to follow Wales and Scotland in exempting young children.

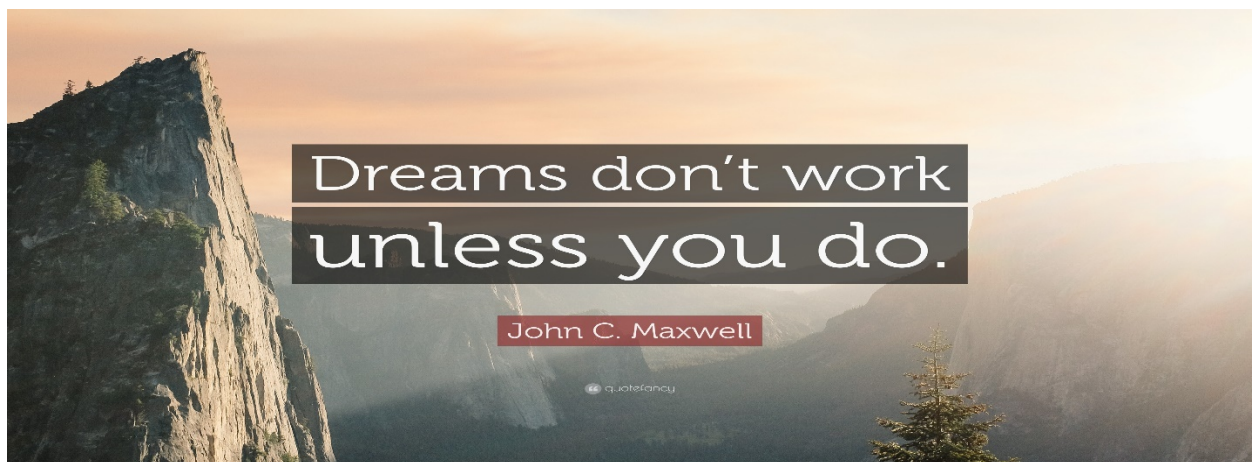
On Friday, **ex-minister Steve Baker said the latest government action amounted to "arbitrary powers without scrutiny"** and MP Desmond Swayne said it was "outrageous" not to have a Parliamentary debate.

"This is not a fit legal environment for the British people," Mr Baker told the BBC.

"It's time to move to a voluntary system, unless the government can demonstrate otherwise and it is time for us to start living like a free people."

Senior Conservative backbenchers are reported to be lobbying Commons Speaker Lindsay Hoyle to make sure that legislation is being reviewed every month, not every six months.

Thought for the week



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