



3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

Dear parents and carers

**RE: THE LAST WEEK OF TERM AND NEW YEAR UPDATES**

Thank you for your support this term, I think we can all agree it's been challenging in so many ways but with the amazing efforts of all of our staff, students have largely been in school and all of them have had access to remote learning when they have been self-isolating. A particular thank you to those of you who have sent messages of thanks and good wishes into school, they have all been shared with staff and have been gratefully received.

I have made some changes to the timings and arrangements of the **last week of term**:-

- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** This will be an additional training day for staff; **students will not be in school.**
- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** This will be the last day of attendance for all students this term, it will be a full timetabled day. All students will leave school at the usual time at the end of the day. Year 9 and 11 will participate in health day and whole school and year group assemblies will happen throughout the week for these year groups. Students in other year groups will have a short period of time to celebrate the end of term and Christmas in their tutor groups on the final afternoon however, this year because of the risk of COVID infection, there will be no opportunity to share food and drink.
- **Christmas jumpers:** We would like to encourage students and staff to wear Christmas jumper on the last day of term, **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Coronavirus: Reporting positive COVID 19 cases and track and tracing over the holiday period:** As the Headteacher of an academy, at the time of writing, it remains my responsibility to continue to track and trace from all positive staff and student COVID cases over the Christmas holiday. Please help with this by:

- Ensuring your child gets a COVID test as soon as they display symptoms, however mild, please do not wait until the next day.
- Report any positive test results by emailing [nraggett@kngs.co.uk](mailto:nraggett@kngs.co.uk) and [enquiry@kngs.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@kngs.co.uk) as soon as you receive them.

I hope the above actions will enable any school related tracking and tracing to be completed by Christmas eve.

**Spring term 2021:** Students return to school after Christmas on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.** This is a normal school day for students.

The Christmas holiday is going to be very different for all of us this year however, I hope you do get the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends, either in person or remotely. I hope you have a wonderful holiday and very best wishes for the new year.

Kind regards

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