



Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope this letter finds you well. It may not feel like it but during this term, I have been trying to reduce the number of times I have written to you. I do understand the overwhelming volume of communication you have received from the school during the pandemic and I hope that we will start to see the number of letters from me return to some sort of normal level during this year.

You will know that we started this year determined to do all that we could to support students quickly returning to the structures of routines and learning by making some significant adjustments to the school. Underpinning this work were three key priorities:

- Teachers and students across the school report that the **new consequences system** does now mean that poor behaviour in lessons is increasingly dealt with consistently and that students are taking the opportunity to improve their behaviour when given a warning (C1 or C2) by their teacher.
- The **additional five minutes of tutor time** each morning has allowed us to introduce a rota of more purposeful activities that are designed to ensure that students are well prepared to make the most of the day ahead of them. This has meant that there is a more purposeful and focussed start to the school day across all year groups.
- Finally, you will know that we have **revamped and relaunched our Personal Development Curriculum in Years 7 to 11**. This is taught by tutors across the school each week on a Tuesday period 3. Personal Development is a crucial part of our curriculum and it is designed to give pupils the knowledge, skills, and attributes they need to keep themselves healthy and safe and to prepare themselves for life and work in modern Britain. We believe that, following the pandemic, this is an even more crucial part of our curriculum and as such we have significantly improved the resources, training and support to tutors so that they can ensure that students have access to the same high quality of education that they would in any other subject. Throughout this term, this programme will be supplemented by sessions from an external provider on Relationships, Sex and Health Education. Parents can read about our new Personal Development curriculum on our [website](#)

## Reminders:

- 1) At the start of the year I think it is helpful for me to remind you of some of the resources on our website:
  - a. We think it is important that you know what your child is studying in each subject area. Please do take the time to visit our [curriculum pages on the school website](#) where we provide this information for you. Here you can find an overview of the school curriculum and you can read about what students will learn in each subject area. You can find similar information about our Sixth Form curriculum [here](#).
  - b. Bullying (including online) is never tolerated at The Kimberley School. If you are concerned that your child, or indeed any child, is being bullied then please do contact our pastoral teams. The [Anti-Bullying page of our school website](#) sets out how bullying can be reported to the school and the actions year teams will take when they receive a report of bullying.

- c. Every day we publish [Student Notices](#) on our website. These are the best way we have of keeping you in touch with what is happening in school and they will also help you understand the clubs and activities that are available to your children. I hope you find them useful.
- d. We do now run an extensive lettings programme which allows the community to access our buildings outside of school hours. If you are interested in hiring our facilities then please do visit our [School Hire](#) website.
- e. If your child does have to self-isolate following a positive covid-19 test, then please do visit the [remote curriculum](#) page of our website which sets out who they will be able to access school work whilst they are at home.

### **Covid-19 Updates**

- 1) Thank you for your support with the covid-19 vaccination programme. The SAIS team were able to administer the vaccine to over 400 students when they were in school. There are still over 100 students waiting for their vaccine, we will contact these students and parents as soon as we have been able to agree on a date for this with the SAIS team.
- 2) Nottinghamshire County Council and NHS have asked me to share this [joint letter about the flu vaccination](#) with parents.
- 3) The government have asked me to share this [letter about Covid-19 testing and vaccines](#) with you. As we near the end of the first half-term we have started to see a small increase in the number of children testing positive, particularly in [Years 7 and 8](#). By continuing to test at home during the half-term holiday and **especially on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October** your children are helping us to keep school safe and are minimising disruption to individuals and their families, thank you for your continued support with this.

### **Finally, can I ask for your help in our work in continuing to improve Kimberley School please?**

After the disruption in the last two years, it would be helpful for us to get your feedback on how you think we are doing. The best way to do this is online using the [Parent View website](#) . The process takes less than 5 minutes and your help with it will be appreciated.

I do hope that you are able to enjoy some time with your family this half term. Thank you as ever for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



Andrew George  
Head Teacher