



31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

As the Spring term draws to a close, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you a happy Easter break. I hope you are able to spend some enjoyable time with each other particularly over the long Easter weekend.

For our Year 11 and Year 13 students (and a few in Year 10 and Year 12), the Easter holiday represents an important block of time to do some concentrated revision as we approach the summer exams. It is important that students break this into manageable blocks of time and take regular breaks for it to be effective. Students should also remember that it is not just about learning the content, but also applying their knowledge to exam style questions. As you will already be aware from earlier communications, a number of staff are in school during the Easter holiday doing revision sessions. Many students have signed up for these sessions already and anybody else who wishes to attend is welcome, even if they have not already signed up. I would ask parents and carers to make sure that students doing exams in the summer do also have some 'downtime' during this holiday and do some activities that make them happy and relaxed. We will write to you early in the new term with the details of how the examination period will run in school starting on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

We have recently enjoyed having teaching colleagues and students from the Anne Frank Gymnasium (High School) in Aachen in school with us as part of an exchange programme that has now been running for ten years between the two schools. The pandemic had upset the normal routine of visits, so we were delighted to be able to get this relationship working properly again for this academic year. Our friends from Germany had a very enjoyable trip and I would like to pass on my thanks to those families who hosted a student during the visit. Plans for an exchange to take place again in 2023-24 are already in hand.

I would ask parents and carers to please take the opportunity of the Easter holiday to resolve any uniform / PE kit issues that were a problem during the Spring term. Details of the school uniform policy can be found via this link <https://www.kimberleyschool.co.uk/uniform>. In particular, I would remind parents and carers that plain back V neck jumpers are allowed to be worn underneath the blazer not instead of the blazer and also that hoodies are not part of the school uniform; full details can be found on the school website. This should ensure we have a smooth start to the new term on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April when I will be asking staff to check uniform.

Yours faithfully

Andy Park  
Head of School

