



10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

## **Start to the Academic Year 2021/22**

I hope that you and your family are well and have had a restful summer. We are aware that a number of our families at Kingsbury who have relatives and friends in Afghanistan and these are very much in our thoughts.

You will be pleased to know that the student body has made a very positive start. Students have embraced new routines and engaged well with the Covid-19 testing. I would like to thank all parents and carers for their support in getting students ready for learning in this new academic year.

### Uniform and Equipment

It is extremely important that students attend with the correct uniform and equipment. All students need a pencil case with black and green biros, rulers, erasers and mathematical equipment including a calculator. A full list of equipment and uniform expectations is available on our website. May I take this opportunity to remind you to mark all uniform clearly with your child's name. This helps identify misplaced uniform and return it to the correct student.

### Attendance

Good attendance (97% and above) has been shown to have a direct impact on achievement and each day of absence reduces a student's overall attendance by 0.5%. Please ensure that your child attends punctually each day this particularly important given the last two years of disruption. This will be a major focus for the school and we are working closely with the Educational Welfare Service to support students' attendance.

Please inform us of any medical appointments 3 days prior and try to make these out of school hours. Students should only be absent for the medical appointment itself and we expect them to attend school prior to leaving or following the appointment. Contact us by email [khsattendance@kingsburyhigh.org.uk](mailto:khsattendance@kingsburyhigh.org.uk) or on 02082063000 (press 1) if your child is going to be absent.

Covid-19 Testing dates for students

Our suggested schedule to complete home tests is as follows:

Evening - Wednesday 15th September	Evening - Sunday 26th September
Evening - Sunday 19th September	Evening - Wednesday 29th September
Evening - Wednesday 22nd September	Evening - Sunday 3rd October

Many students prefer to test in the evenings, however they are still welcome to take them on Monday and Thursday mornings.

Open Evening

Please let family and friends know about our upcoming open evening. We are very much looking forward to welcoming visitors back in to school to show them all the great things that are happening and to meet our fantastic students.

**Kingsbury High School: Open Evening**

*For prospective parents and children*

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

5:00pm – 7:30pm

We are look forward to working with you in a more normal way and I hope to see you in person at some stage this year.

Yours sincerely,



Alex Thomas  
**Headteacher**