



16<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

## **End of Autumn Term 2019 and Spring Term 2020**

Last week I was really pleased to receive a certificate to celebrate the sixth form being in the top 5% of national providers on the ALPs network (of around 3,000 sixth forms and college providers). It is our 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row of being placed in the top 5%. This is the product of a lot of hard work by the students and teachers as well as the sixth form team.

Thank you to all those families who contributed to the UNICEF/*Clarks* shoe appeal. We were really pleased with the response. Over 300 pairs of shoes were safely delivered to our local branch for onward transit to UNICEF.

Please see the [newsletter](#) for pictures and more details of all the great things that have been happening this term including KHS being named Student Leadership 'School of the Year' for London and the South East.

### End of Autumn Term Arrangements

The last day of term for students will be Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. This will be a non-uniform day and students are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper! Those who come in non-school uniform will be asked to contribute £1 to charity. This will be collected and donated to UNICEF to support disadvantaged children in the UK and around the world.

A snack service is available on the day at break time but there will be no hot meal. Those on free school meals will however be able to get a packed lunch.

Students should arrive at the normal time and will be dismissed by 12:30pm.

### General

A big thank you to all parents and carers this term for their support in encouraging good attendance. Good attendance has a proven impact on achievement and the vast majority are attending well above our minimum target of 95% present. This is contributing to better whole school attendance and, therefore, learning.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you of some of our expectations around mobile phones and uniform. Mobile phones may not be used or visible at any time on site, including before or after school. The Kingsbury High School [uniform rules](#) state that outdoor coats should be dark in colour and we do not allow hoodies or tracksuit tops. It would also be

helpful for a positive start in January, if any nail extensions and colour in a student's hair were removed before students return to school.

#### Safety of students

At Kingsbury, we are extremely focused on the safety of our students. To support this, we are introducing some new arrangements for visitors (including parents). Visitors will not be allowed on site without a prior arrangement, please make an appointment before arriving at school. On the Lower School Site please also note that a security guard will need to escort you to reception. At busy times you may have to wait before they are able to do this.

#### Parents who drop and collect students by car

At Kingsbury High School we know some parents need to bring their children to and from school by car. When collecting in the evening please do not wait with your engine running. We have been contacted by our local residents about this issue and it also affects the air quality around school (which impacts on all of us). Many thanks in anticipation of your support in this.

Please note that the school is closed to students on: **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
School reopens on: **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** (late start for students – at form room by 10:05am)

There are Parents' Evening scheduled in the first half of the Spring term:

Year 12 - Tuesday 21 January 2020

Year 11 - Tuesday 28 January 2020

Year 8 - Tuesday 4 February 2020

On behalf of Staff and Governors may I take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas (if you are celebrating) and a Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely,



Alex Thomas  
**Headteacher**