



KINGSBURY HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 11 NEWSLETTER

Week commencing: 06/07/2020

Message from the Year Leader

Welcome to our final newsletter as Year 11, the end of the academic term and 5 years of your journey at Kingsbury High School.

For some of you, your time at KHS will continue into the 6th Form and I hope to see you around the school site. Do pop in and see me in the lower school if school rules permit this in September. I would love to know how you are getting on. If you have made plans to move on to another 6th Form, college or other form of education away from Kingsbury, I wish every success for your future plans and good health for both you and your family.

Class of
2020 

I leave you with a quote from Oprah Winfrey for my parting message: **“Do what you have to do until you can do what you want to do.”**

What does this mean? It means towing the line, following the rules, continuing on with education so that your aspirations can become reality. Your dreams and aspirations are what will keep you going through whatever life is going to throw your way, and believe me when I tell your adulthood is no easier than childhood. Be wary of individuals in your friendship groups who have a negative mindset and start to surround yourself with people who can lift you up and support you in positive ways. My mother always told me “show me your friends and I will tell you who you are!” As a child I never understood it, but began to understand and realise as my mind grew older. It is my hope for you all that you remember the standards this school has held you to and it will remain a special memory in years to come.

The final opportunity to purchase your Leavers Hoodies is today. The online store will close this evening. Please refer to the email which has been previously sent as I will no longer be resending this information to students and parents. Please note that the manufacturer is based in Leicester so these items may be delayed which is beyond anyone's control. I will provide updates as and when I receive them. Information about the distribution of the Leavers Hoodies will be sent to parents once we have confirmed how the distribution will work.

There have been a number of birthdays since the last newsletter; **Happy 16th Birthday** to: Shpend K, Izka H, Shabnam A, Vishnu K, Yousef D, Viorel M, Cassidy M-J, David I & Zaid M and to everyone else whose birthday falls after these dates.

Wishing you all the best - Mr Hamilton

Message from the Stage Leader

So here we are with the final issue of our newsletter and the end of this school year, a year that no one could have predicted. A year that will be remembered for its sense of limbo and uncertainty, and for all those symbolic moments of Year 11- the writing on shirts, the relief of taking your last exam, the preparations for Prom and the summer that seems to go on forever- that weren't able to happen.

This story of this pandemic is far from over, and there will still be many unknowns and anxious moments for us to get through. We will get through them by sticking together and thinking creatively to solve the problems and challenges that come up.

You are in unknown waters but look at the team of people you have around you - your families and your friends and the staff who have worked with you for these five years. The support and kindness of that community will be with you always and will allow you to build the foundations for your future.

Wishing you and your families a calm and healthy summer.

Stay safe,

Mr Das

Message of the week

Bridging work - For those wanting to join the KHS 6th Form, earlier this week Mr Senior sent out an email about bridging work. You must complete the subject bridging work for your subjects of choice AND also the skills based bridging work tasks. A letter will also be sent out to you regarding 6th Form enrolment.

NCS Keep Doing Good Programme - Earlier this week Mr Das emailed you about a new opportunity from the National Citizen Service, NCS, to develop your skills. The programme is free to attend, please sign up quickly at <https://wearencs.com/keep-doing-good>

GCSE results day: Thursday 20 August - You must not come into school to collect your results. At 8.30AM on 20th August, an email will be sent to you which will contain your results. A further email will also be sent containing a link to an online form where you can send in any questions you may have.

Careers Advice and Guidance

Ms Connie Collie (Connexions Advisor) will be available on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday between 9:00am and 3:00pm. Many of you have asked for help to write your CVs/Cover letters, completing college and apprenticeship applications, answered questions about university applications and what to do if things don't quite work out as planned. She is not currently in school but continues to work from home and can be contacted via email: connie.collie@kingsburyhigh.org.uk or on the phone: 07584 270 467.

If you are 16 years old, you can apply typically for part-time jobs. If you haven't done so already start working on your CVs. All eligible 16 year olds will receive their National

Insurance numbers in due course. There are a number of supermarket chains who are recruiting at present. These include: Aldi, Tesco, Asda, M&S, Morrisons, Lidl and Waitrose. If you are considering applying, please familiarise yourself with the rules of Child Employment: <https://www.gov.uk/child-employment/restrictions-on-child-employment>

Useful Links

What to do if you're anxious about coronavirus -

<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/what-to-do-if-you-re-anxious-about-coronavirus/#dealing-with-self-isolation->

If English is not your families first language there are COVID Guidelines in most community translation available from: <https://www.covidmessageforall.com>

Please pass on and share your families and friends so everyone one can understand and keep safe and healthy.