



THE KING'S SCHOOL

GRANTHAM

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all well. On Thursday of this week we received the information from the Department for Education on the reopening of schools in September. The King's School will follow all of the guidance and will be open in September for all students.

Sadly, this week Dr Derek Lee, the Head Master from 1982 to 1995, died after a long illness. Many former students and staff will remember him with great affection. Our thoughts are with his daughters at this sad time.

The use of Teams has increased significantly in the last few weeks and I am grateful to my colleagues for facilitating its increase. We still have a number of technical and scheduling issues that we are working through.

The school this week won a Conditions Improvement Fund to rectify the condition of the rooves in some of the oldest parts of the school. We are really pleased that the Library area of the school will be water tight in the near future.

Year 10 and 11 students

A teacher from the City of Peterborough Academy has asked if Year 10 and 11 students could complete the following anonymous survey.

The Year 10 link is:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WnSRoNi3ek2yphNZBT1FECm2ZTRzszZMIEHeLI5jq11UNFRPQUo5WVpXT1IKOTVTOFRUTEdYR0xQQi4u>

The Year 11 link is:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WnSRoNi3ek2yphNZBT1FECm2ZTRzszZMIEHeLI5jq11UNlpEUTIUNUU5SzRERjQzU0dDMUtTSUU3VC4u>

Health and Safety

The department for Education, released new guidance for parents on keeping children safe from abuse and harm. The guidance is jointly published with the Home Office, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, and Public Health England. The guidance brings together sources of information about the main risks children may be susceptible to during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and signposts the help and support available.

The guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm>

Mental Health and Well Being

Resilience is a valuable life skill we can all learn and develop as a way to improve our wellbeing. We can't always choose what happens to us in life, but in principle we can choose our attitude to what happens. Whilst this is not always easy, the more we practice resilience the more it can work for us.

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On FROG this week are some resources from Action for Happiness, including a calendar for July designed to help you build up your own resilience through this month, and a look at some of the other life skills you can learn to help improve your wellbeing and happiness.

Don't forget if you need any support from school for your child or yourself, please contact Mr Dixon (Justin.Dixon@kings.lincs.sch.uk) in the first instance and we can direct you to the right place.

The King's School is registered as a referral agency for Food Bank vouchers in Grantham. If you are in need of additional support in this area please get in touch through admin@kings.lincs.sch.uk

I would encourage our Year 12 students to make the most of the wellbeing resources within the Know-How Guides on their Unifrog platform. Students can access excellent resources and practical advice on a range of topics including coping with anxiety, social media addiction, mindfulness and many more.

Inspirational Speakers

The Speakers for Schools website is currently providing a significant number of online inspirational talks. "The Speakers for Schools Inspiration Programme provides a network of today's most inspiring figures across business, arts, politics and more donating their time to help inspire students to fuel their ambition".

Upcoming talks are available at: <https://www.speakersforschools.org/inspiration/vtalks/upcoming-vtalks/>

Online Safety

ThinkUKnow has created a page to support parents and young people online. The site includes home activity packs with simple 15-minute activities to support children's understanding of online safety. There is also a parent support section for primary and secondary age children. Further information can be found at <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets>.

The King's Lockdown Cook Book

After talking with a number of our students, we've noticed that behind the scenes there's been a considerable amount of cooking going on. To celebrate our potential MasterChef finalists, we're hoping to produce a King's School Lockdown Cookbook. If you have managed to perfect that omelette or fine-tune your muffin recipe, then please email it to Mr Greenhalgh Mark.greenhalgh@kings.lincs.sch.uk together with instructions and ideally a photograph of the finished item.

Music Success

Flynn Campbell in Year 7 is a member of the National Youth Boy's Choir. He has recently sung the solo in a recording of Stanford's Magnificat in G with St. Wulfram's Church Choir. You can listen to this wonderful performance at <https://soundcloud.com/tim-williams-117/stanford-magnificat-in-g-1>

Independent Learning

There has been an incredible uptake in the use of the Frog Quizzes by students to extend their learning. FROG Play can be accessed from the link on the homepage of FROG.

GCSEPod is also available through the homepage of Frog and covers more than 20 subjects and features over 3000 audio-visual podcasts written by teachers and is recommended for all students in Years 7-11.

Year 12

To support the exciting prospect of University applications, Mr Whales has sent a link to the Sixth Form Higher Education presentation on Frog & Unifrog. The link should take you to a voiceover PowerPoint with video guides for Unifrog and UCAS. We are encouraging all of Year 12 to be registered on UCAS before the



end of term. This presentation is intended for students and parents and details how parents can access the Unifrog platform to support the application process.

The two-week examination window has now passed and subject teachers will be offering feedback to students on their examination performances. It is imperative that students absorb and reflect on the advice they have been given and continue to use the summer weeks to develop their academic readiness for Year 13.

Subject teachers are beginning to enter predicted grades and subject references on the Unifrog platform. All students must register their teachers on their profile as without these the teachers are unable to enter their crucial information. All students need to confirm their teacher lists this weekend.

Working on Line

As a reminder to students accessing online lessons. The invite for a lesson will be sent to your school email. All of the lessons that you have been invited to will appear in your Outlook Calendar. Lessons will only take place during your normal timetabled school period. We would be grateful if parents could help students find and check their calendar on Outlook daily to help students organise their time between any Teams lessons and their other work set on Frog.

Key Workers

We continue to provide an in-school opportunity for students to complete their online work for children of Key Workers and we regularly send out an email asking parents to sign up for places. Key worker students are to continue to wear their home clothes when in school, this is because they are often in on consecutive days and allows for washing of clothes between days in school. Can we also politely remind parents that students will be expected to stay until 3:30pm unless parents have notified us in advance.

Although it may be an encouraging sign that the government continues to ease restrictions it is most important that we continue to exercise common sense, caution and good judgement. To that end we will be sticking to the 2 metre distancing policy on the school premises.

Thank you for all your continuing support and positivity during this difficult time. We all look forward to the opportunity of reopening the school in September after the summer closure.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Master