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20th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

KAEP6 Year 13 End of Autumn Term 2024 Update

As we wrap up a busy and productive term, I would like to congratulate all Year 13 students for their hard work and dedication. With the finish line for their school journey in sight, they have truly risen to the challenges of this crucial year.

University and Apprenticeship Applications

Many university applications have already been submitted, with students beginning to receive offers from their preferred institutions. Apprenticeship opportunities are also becoming available, so we encourage all students to start or continue writing their applications. Each student has been paired with either Mr. Stear or Mr. Cook as their professional mentor for career guidance.

While some apprenticeship deadlines have passed, many companies are still actively seeking candidates. You can support your child in exploring opportunities using the Government's apprenticeship portal: Find an Apprenticeship - GOV.UK.

We are committed to ensuring students secure the best opportunities available at the highest level. Please remember that the deadline for university applications is **6:00 pm on 29th January 2025**.

Looking Ahead

As we move into the spring term, there is much to anticipate. Year 13 students will begin to make critical decisions about accepting or declining offers from universities and employers in the coming months.

Over the Christmas break, I hope students take some well-deserved time to relax and recharge from the demands of A Levels and BTEC courses. However, it is equally important that they stay on top of their work as the new year begins.

Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) and Revision

Students have recently completed their first round of PPEs. Most have received their results and are working with teachers to analyse their performance. Together, they are identifying:

- What went well in their exams?
- What areas need improvement?
- What steps are required to meet their target grades?

Parents and students should also review FP2 data and establish clear revision strategies using tools such as UpLearn, practice exam papers, flashcards, and targeted study sessions. The upcoming assessments include:

- January assessments
- February PPEs
- Summer exams (May/June 2025)









Please ensure you book your face-to-face appointment for **Parents' Evening on Wednesday**, **8**th **January 2025**, between 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm via the following link: EPCS Parents' Evening System.

Attendance and Accountability

Good attendance is vital for success, and all Sixth Form students are expected to maintain a minimum attendance rate of **95%**. Falling below this threshold can significantly impact academic outcomes and future prospects. You can monitor your child's attendance via the ClassCharts app, which also provides updates on sanctions for missed deadlines or lessons. If you need a password reminder, please email **clare.taylor@kgaeasthampstead.uk** or contact your child's tutor.

As always, maintaining a healthy balance between study and recreation during the holiday period will be key to students performing their best in January.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you and your family a joyful holiday season and a happy new year.

All students will return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2024 at 8.40am (Week B).

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Puttick Director of Sixth Form, KAEP6

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