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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you are all keeping well and looking forward to the Easter Break. We have been delighted to be teaching students face to face and all back in school. It has been an unusual half-term but students and staff have risen to the challenges. Attendance has been exceptionally high at over 97% - thank you.

Student Success

Congratulations to Abbie Thompson (11.1) and Emily Knowles (11.5) who have raised over £1000 for Young Minds by completing a marathon.

Assessment Grades and Revision

Students in Year 11 and Year 13 are working particularly hard in school. They will appreciate your support in planning and maximising revision time at home, whilst maintaining a work-life balance. All student assessments will be done using content that they have already been taught. To provide supporting evidence of what our students can do there are formal assessments but not the examination series that students have had in previous years. There will be fewer assessments which cover less content and they are shorter than GCSE and A level exam papers. Research outcomes demonstrate that 'active revision', such as practising exam questions and making notes interspersed with short breaks, is highly effective. Please see the school website for study guidance, which can be found under the Parents & Students/Study Guidance tab.

Uniform

Shorts and Hoodies

You may recall that the school uniform now includes the option of school shorts for boys and girls. Shorts must be worn with either black or white ankle socks. Also new to the uniform range are hoodies for PE that are optional as well. The shorts and hoodies are available from the school uniform stockists, and can be ordered from the link on the school website.

Nearly New Uniform

Please would you send any items of uniform, including any PE kit, that you no longer have use for to the school office. The KKSa will continue to use Kendal 'Sell and Seek' as well as having a stall at our car boot sales once there is stock, or you may visit the school office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact parent, Tracy Simpson, on 07762 150577.

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New Uniform

Should your son/daughter require new items of uniform, please order by following the link on the school website www.kirkbiekendal.cumbria.sch.uk.

Once you have received the dispatch confirmation and a message from school, you may collect your order from school reception. School will also be open for collections and exchanges on:

Wednesday 11th August - 10.00am – 3.00pm

Thursday 19th August - 10.00am – 3.00pm

Moving Up Evenings

If you have a child in Year 5 or 6 and would like to see our presentations for prospective students please follow the Admissions tab on the school website. The remote event will go live week commencing 12th April.

School Clubs and Activities

Next term we will be able to re-start extra-curricular clubs and activities. We will email you with an activity list and times soon. We are also hoping to have an outdoor event showcasing students 'self-expression' in music, art, poetry at the end of term.

COVID-19 Lateral Flow Tests

Over the Easter holiday please remember to do the lateral flow tests on Tuesday and Friday mornings and report results to the NHS and to school (online form).

Diary Dates

● Friday 26 th March	Break up for Easter holiday (normal length school day)
● Monday 12 th April	All students return to school
● Going live from Monday 12 th April	Year 5 or 6 Moving Up Evening Virtual Presentations
● Monday 3 rd May	May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)
● Tuesday 4 th May	Year 8 Girls' HPV Vaccinations
● Thursday 6 th May	Year 8 Parents'/Carers' Evening (4.30pm-7.30pm)
● Monday 31 st May	Break up for half term (normal length school day)
● Monday 7 th June	All students return to school
● Wednesday 11 th August	Uniform collection and exchange (10.00am – 3.00pm on both days)
● Thursday 19 th August	

Have a wonderful Easter time. Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Hyman
Headteacher