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Dear Parent/Carers

I hope this letter finds you well. The school year moves on and I thought I should update you on some of the things going on in school and some important information about the school day next year.

School Day Changes

From September 2022 we will increase the length of the school day so that we finish at 3.15 pm every day. This will enable us to increase the length of lunch from 30 minutes to 40 minutes and also to increase by five minutes the contact time Form Tutors have with their forms. We will maintain our current five lesson day with five x one hour lessons. Students have told us they would like an increase in the time they get at lunch and this also brings us in line with the DfE expectation that the total length of the school week should be 32.5 hours.

The outline of the new school day is shown below, with changes taking place from September.

Years 7, 8 and 9		Years 10, 11, 12 and 13	
8.45 am – 8.50 am	Registration	8.45 am – 8.50 am	Registration
8.50 am – 9.50 am	Period 1	8.50 am – 9.50 am	Period 1
9.50 am – 10.50 am	Period 2	9.50 am – 10.50 am	Period 2
10.50 am – 11.10 am	Break	10.50 am – 11.10 am	Break
11.10 am – 12.10 pm	Period 3	11.10 am – 12.10 pm	Period 3
12.10 pm – 12.50 pm	Lunch	12.10 pm – 1.10 pm	Period 4
12.50 pm – 1.50 pm	Period 4	1.10 pm – 1.50 pm	Lunch
1.50 pm – 2.15 pm	Registration	1.50 pm – 2.15 pm	Registration
2.15 pm – 3.15 pm	Period 5	2.15 pm – 3.15 pm	Period 5

Building Work in School

I am very pleased to say that the most recent building work in school has now been completed, with a new alarm system now in place throughout the school. Students have coped extremely well with the room changes that this work has entailed and we look forward to the system being commissioned over the summer.

Pre-loved Uniform

A gentle reminder that we are always looking for any donations of pre-loved uniform in school. Please bring clean items into school and drop at reception with Mrs Pinder (hpinder@kksa.co.uk). Recycling uniform is good for the environment and helps families with the cost of buying uniform.

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Exams

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have been magnificent in their conduct and application during the exam period, with exams ongoing until the end of June. We wish them all the best of luck and look forward to celebrating their results with them on Thursday 18th August (A level) and Thursday 25th August (GCSE).

Year 9 Rhineland Trip

This trip departs on 11 July for the week. We wish all participants 'eine Gute Reise'.

Upcoming Events

As always there is a lot going on in school over the next few weeks. **Sixth Form induction week** for Year 11 takes place during the week commencing 27th June, with lots of exciting activities planned which should stretch and challenge our soon to be Sixth Formers.

On 30th June all are welcome to the **CAPA event showcasing the work of our talented artists**. GCSE and A level Art work will be on display alongside some music, dance and drama performances and summer drinks and strawberries.

A gentle reminder that we have an **INSET day** on Friday 1st July so students will not be in school.

Inter Form Sports Days will be taking place for Year 7 (12th July), Year 8 (6th July) and Year 9 (7th July), with lots of track and field athletics events for students. This is always a great celebration of students getting involved and competing for their form, cheered on by the rest of their year group.

The **Year 10 Charity Event** is on Friday 8th July raising money for Cancer Research, the charity chosen by students. Year 10 have organised a summer fete with stalls and activities for all students over an extended lunchtime. Students are encouraged to bring whatever they feel they can contribute to buy some tokens for the stalls.

The **Year 11 Celebration Meal** is also taking place on 8th July we look forward to an evening of celebration with our fantastic Year 11 students at the Castle Green Hotel.

The **Whole School Walk** takes place on Friday 15th July and **Activity Day** is on Tuesday 19th July. Further details will follow.

Our school is a happy, hardworking and busy place full of enthusiastic students. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Harris
Headteacher