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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

I hope that you are feeling safe and well and that the start to 2021 has gone as well as possible for you in these challenging lockdown circumstances.

Thank you students for your excellent engagement and work being completed during the remote learning. Please keep to your normal school day timetable - we do understand that due to individual circumstances this will not always be possible, but please do your best. Please ask your teachers for help if you need it. Guidance on Google Classroom and uploading work can be found on the remote learning section of the school website:

<http://www.kirkbiekendal.cumbria.sch.uk/remote-learning/498300.html>

The wellbeing of students continues to be a focus and is more prevalent than ever during these times, to support student wellbeing, school has put new resources onto the website, please feel free to browse and see what resources are available:

<http://www.kirkbiekendal.cumbria.sch.uk/wellbeing/573254.html>

If you require any additional support please do not hesitate to contact the relevant head of year for your son/daughter.

GCSE, Vocational and A level Examination consultation

The DfE and the examination regulator Ofqual have started the consultation on how grades in GCSE, A level and vocational qualifications could be awarded. In an email to schools yesterday the following link and information was provided:

‘We want to hear **the views of students who were due to take their exams, their parents and carers**, their teachers, school and college leaders and others who have an interest’.

Should you wish to respond, the link is here [joint consultation with Ofqual on how GCSE, AS and A level grades should be awarded in summer 2021](#). The consultation closes at 11.45pm on Friday 29 January. There is a summary document to read and then you respond to the consultation questions.

Upcoming Virtual Parent/Carer Evenings

Students are welcome to attend. Appointments can be made via the school website and then via the Links section. Look for the 'Video Appointment System'. If you are unable to make an appointment please let school know via info@kksa.co.uk and staff will liaise with you to find a mutually convenient alternative.

Year 9 Parents'/Carers' Evening is Thursday 21st January.

Sixth Form Parents'/Carers' Evening is Thursday 4th February.

Thank you parents and carers for the support that you are providing; we appreciate the support and know that you are balancing work and family life, which is not easy in normal times. Please continue to let teachers know if you or your child/children are experiencing any difficulties.

Keep safe and well.

Best wishes.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Hyman
Headteacher