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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this finds you and your families well. Just when you think nothing more could possibly happen, the snow arrives! Please be assured that the school site not being open would always be a last resort, however, we could not ensure safety today due to the snow and ice. As reported in the media, there is now no such thing as a 'snow day' and I hope all students continue to enjoy and engage with their online lessons.

Please forgive the lengthy correspondence but there are a number of things to update you on below:

Year 11 Parents/Carers Evening Rescheduled

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, we were unable to provide parents with their appointments yesterday afternoon. This was due to a system fault with our provider, SchoolCloud. It is incredibly frustrating for all concerned and I offer my apologies this was not able to take place. As you can imagine, we and a number of other schools nationally have sought assurances that this will not happen again. I draw your attention to a statement provided by SchoolCloud that details the cause of the issue and an apology for falling below our expected standards.

<https://kings.patrust.org.uk/parents-evening/>

Due to the above, we have decided to reschedule the Year 11 Parents/Carers Evening for Thursday 21 January. It is important to us that we do this and parents/carers have the opportunity to discuss their child's progress at a critical stage in the year.

This will mean that all other year groups will move back one week as detailed below. I thank you in advance for your understanding with this as I am aware that it will require some changes to parents/carers schedules. We are able to offer the same appointment times that you have already made for the alternative date, which means that you do not have to re-book any appointments. If this does pose any particular issues for any families, please contact the school and we will try and accommodate you the best we can.

Revised Dates for Parents/Carers Evenings

Date	Year Group
Thursday 21 January	Year 11
Thursday 28 January	Year 9
Thursday 4 February	Year 8
Thursday 11 February	Year 7

Free School Meals

We will be changing the way we provide Free School Meals to families from next week. We will no longer provide hampers but will offering vouchers to those who qualify. We have done this quickly to ensure there is no confusion and so that our families get value for money in a timely manner.

Jamie Peacock 30-Day Wellbeing Challenge

As previously communicated, we have now secured places on this event for 27 January and although information will be provided later regarding the format of the day, we need you to sign your children up before 5pm on Monday 18 January. At this time, Jamie Peacock will be begin a nationwide promotion of his challenge on both BBC and Sky TV and we expect the sessions to become sold out. We have secured three separate sessions for our students at the following times and ask that you use the links below to sign up. As stated earlier in the week, the session with Jamie will last 1 hour 15 minutes and will run on Zoom. At these times, this will be the only online offer we are providing as a school, the following hour, led by the form tutor will be a direct follow up to this work.

09:00 - 10:15 [Jamie Peacock 30 Day Pupil Wellbeing Challenge: Years 11+](#)

10:30 - 11:45 [Jamie Peacock 30 Day Pupil Wellbeing Challenge: Years 9-10](#)

12:30 - 13:45 [Jamie Peacock 30 Day Pupil Wellbeing Challenge: Years 6-8](#)

Instructions (takes approximately 5 minutes)

- When you click the link, you will be sent to a ZOOM registration page.
- Fill in the details on this page using either a student or parent email address, whichever you choose, your child will need to use this for the session on 27 January.
- You will receive an email from ZOOM asking you to activate your account.
- If it asks about a work email address, do not worry, you can use any.
- You will be asked to sign in to ZOOM, select that you are not signing in on behalf of a school.
- Skip the section on 'Don't zoom alone'
- Click on Test Meet
- Download Zoom

PE Live Online Lessons

From Monday 18 January, all PE lessons will be conducted as live online lessons. Google Classroom codes are already on Show My Homework for students to log into the Google classroom in advance of their timetabled PE lessons. The lessons will be practical so sports/PE kit and trainers will be required, it may be an idea to be ready at the start of each day when they have PE. The order of lessons may be subject to change.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Lesson 1	Boys - Fitness and circuits Girls - Dance Small Indoor floor space required	Boys - Fitness and circuits Girls - Dance Small Indoor floor space required	Fitness Challenge	Fitness Challenge	Fitness Challenge
Lesson 2	Fitness Challenge	Fitness Challenge	Introduction to PE Key Stage 4 - Theory		

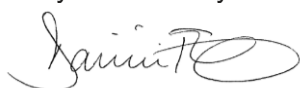
The fitness challenge lessons will change each week starting with a 20 minute step challenge, a 50 reps challenge, a shooting challenge and lastly a run challenge. Some will require students to leave the house. If this is not possible the PE members of staff leading the live online lesson will provide alternative activities such as running in the garden/driveway/street or even up and down stairs and will stay on the lesson.

Enrichment

A programme of online after school enrichment will begin on Monday 18 January. The following table shows what is available for each age group. We have intentionally kept the amount of sessions lower than usual, the evenings are spread across the week and not all sessions will require students to be online for the full 45 minutes so to limit screen time. Students can log into the session using the google class code as they would for their live lessons. Sessions will start at 3.20pm and run typically for 45 minutes.

Name of Enrichment	Year	Staff	Google Class Code	Day
Art Bingo	KS3	LSE	4do7ltl	Monday
History at Home	All	JCR, ADA, CSM	uxv3sax	Monday
Cultural awareness of Germany	All	JDA	7imkhnj	Monday
Walk on the wild side (Local Area Geography)	All	ELO, ECR, TEN, NMA	caqxczw	Monday
Run Club	All	JLE	ezogouj	Tuesday
Science Club	KS3	ZTU & PTU	vyj3njg	Tuesday
Creative Craft Club - upcycling projects	All	LGR & SWO	vsn6wjg	Tuesday
Stage Band	All	SBU & PGO	payxpww	Tuesday
Walk the walk	All	NTU	2v5b6rr	Wednesday
Literacy Lads Club	All	LVE	esrgbdp	Wednesday
Rock Band	All	SBU	rvxx2p3	Wednesday
Dance Club	All	RMG	bg5thbi	Wednesday
Maths Problem Solving	KS3	JJO, AZI, BBU, GTA	r3hh4q7	Wednesday
Real Life Maths (money, interest, credit cards)	KS4	DLO, RHE, CIS, AHU	x2fsgig	Wednesday
Sports Skills (Rugby and Netball Academies)	All	AMC	xmanstw	Thursday
Photography Club	All	KMA	dd5kj3z	Thursday
All The King's Ukes (ukulele orchestra)	All	SBU	6y7ysmf	Thursday
Drama Club	KS3	GJA	s34w2u3	Thursday
Drama Club	KS4	RMG	6ancxib	Thursday
Fitness and Nutrition (Rugby and Netball Academies)	All	CFA	stajyvg	Friday
Pitch Perfect	All	SBU	3qpya2i	Friday
KS3 & KS4 Origami Club	All	FRO	okj4qcz	Friday
DJ Club	All	PGO	hkesqnn	Friday

Many thanks for your continued support.



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