



# Kingswinford Academy

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Kingswinford Academy Parent Bulletin  
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## Dear Parent/Carer

As we progress into this lockdown period, our approaches to Remote Education can settle into a routine and we hope you have been able to encourage this in your child. We thoroughly recommend that you attempt to maintain the school timetable structure to complete their Remote Education, including Break and Lunch Breaks. This will allow them full access to their curriculum and the most support from teachers that we are able to offer.

This is important for all year groups, but in particular for Year 11. Now that the government has instructed a consultation for the assessment process for Year 11 students this year, it is becoming increasingly clear that further assessment opportunities in the Summer term are being sought to inform Teacher Assessment. This means that more engagement with Remote Education will allow Year 11 (and all students) the best opportunity to improve their final grades and performance in school.

Finally, you will note that we have not yet rescheduled Parents' Evenings for this first half of the term, but we do intend to communicate this with you as soon as our plans are confirmed.

Kind regards

**Tom Macdonald**  
Headteacher

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## Parent Webinar

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A reminder that the first Elevate parent webinar of the term is next **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm**. The webinar will be focusing on student motivation, giving parents ways to help keep your children motivated during the school closure.

The details of next Tuesday's webinar are as follows:

### **Managing Motivation: How to boost and sustain your child's motivation during lockdown**

**Date:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Time:** 6:00 – 7:00pm

**Registration link:**

<https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/register>

Simply sign up using the link above.

This webinar is part of a series of free webinars available to you, the dates are:

- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January: Increasing and Sustaining Motivation
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February: Stress & Wellbeing
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: Preparing for Assessments
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Managing Technology and Distractions

You can also be sent the replay link if you register for one of the webinars and happen to miss it live, so you can still access it.

## Lateral Flow Tests

J Wilkes



Our Lateral Flow testing arrangements for students and staff are now in place, on our first group of students have received tests today (Friday).

Staff are now receiving weekly tests and those students attending school as part of the Critical Worker and Vulnerable student provision have the opportunity to undertake initial testing at our site.

This is an important development in keeping our community safe and preparing for the reopening of schools safely, whenever that may be.

## INSET Day

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We have a scheduled INSET day on 29<sup>th</sup> of January. **The school will be closed** on this date to all students and there will be no programme of Online lessons on that date.

## Key Stage 4 English Update

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As part of their remote learning in English, Year 11s will be completing a writing task this week. This will be similar to the ones that they have already completed as tasks on their Google Classrooms, but we will be trialling a different platform that our Year 10 students used earlier in the year.

For your information, here is the link to support your child with logging on:

[https://www.nomoremarking.com/candidates/edit  
orSignup/bda7d13d-556a-442e-a5ef-bcb31362c](https://www.nomoremarking.com/candidates/editorSignup/bda7d13d-556a-442e-a5ef-bcb31362c31c)

[31c](#) (We advise you to access this via Google Chrome and refresh your browser if the page fails to load the first time.)

## Class Charts

S Wilkinson



Thank you for your patience this week with regards to our new messaging systems through class charts. Some of you may have received, as per the bulletin last week, notifications, if your child has missed/is missing their live lesson.

These messages are intended to try and ensure as many students as possible can engage in their live lessons. Each alert is not linked to any negative points on classcharts, nor does it affect student attendance records, but is sent for your information.

Your child will be notified prior to their live lesson. As a rule this will be the day before and an additional reminder will go out on the day too. If your child is unable to attend for any reason, please ensure they contact their teacher to let them know.

Unfortunately the email you receive is automated and cannot be replied to, however if you have any further questions please feel free to email [info@kingswinford.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:info@kingswinford.windsoracademytrust.org.uk) and a member of staff will get back to you as soon as possible.

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