



Kingswinford Academy

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Kingswinford Academy Parent Bulletin
9th - 13th November 2020



Dear Parent/Carer

Some wonderful news in these challenging times - our very own Blessing Chitapa (A Kingswinford Student from 2 years ago - above) has progressed to the final of the Voice! What an incredible achievement and I do hope you will join us in supporting her - fingers crossed for Blessing! She was amazing in the Semi-Finals last night and we expect even more in the Finals!

On a more somber note, we have, of course, returned to lockdown. Fortunately schools will remain open, but this does mean some additional precautions (mainly relating to masks) in schools that we must put in place to keep our students, staff and community safe.

I hope you have had a good weekend.

Yours faithfully

Tom Macdonald
Headteacher

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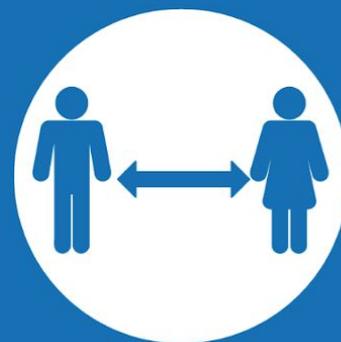
COVID-19 Update



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Following the transition into lockdown, we do need to make some adjustments to our approaches to keeping our community safe. We have introduced these already, but please make sure you are familiar with these changes and support our students in keeping to these additional changes.

- 1. Masks** - All students and staff are required to wear masks or visors when not in their seats in the classroom, or when eating or drinking. Masks should be plain (or simple patterns) and should not be snoods or bandanas. If your child has an exemption you should let the school know as soon as possible (if you have not already so). We will offer exempt students a uniform pass should they wish one, or they may wear the mask exemption lanyard (sunflower lanyard) if they have one. All other students must wear a face mask when necessary. Those persistently failing to wear their mask, may face sanctions.
- 2. After School Clubs** - All extracurricular activities, other than revision classes for year 11, are cancelled or will run virtually only whilst under lockdown.
- 3. Ventilation** - Schools are required to ensure that classrooms are well ventilated wherever possible. This means that classrooms may be colder than usual. School jumpers can be worn and are available at the uniform shop, but students should bring their own, suitable, coat in case of low temperatures. Their teacher will inform them if they are permitted to wear them in class.
- 4. PE** - Students should continue to come to school in their PE kit when they are scheduled for PE during the day. However, all students should wear their school blazer in addition to their PE kit. This will provide additional warmth in class and through the day.

Attendance Update

G Dickens

There are now two online forms on our website for parents to use to report an absence and request a leave of absence.

<https://kingswinfordacademy.org.uk/school-life/essential-information/attendance/>

If you cannot get through to Reception to report an absence due to lines being busy, you can also text **01384 686047** to report the absence.

MUGA update

T Macdonald

Progress on our new MUGA (Multi Use Gaming Area) and the installation of a high quality technical surface in the school continues apace. Whilst we are very pleased to have this amazing facility developed on the site, we have encountered difficulties with the build. Unfortunately, the treeline adjacent to two sides of the MUGA were found to have damaged the underground drainage systems that were in place. These have been replaced, but unfortunately we have had to remove both treelines to prevent future damage. We are seeking to replace the trees at an alternate location, and will work with our students to determine exactly where.

Meetings on site

T Macdonald

Please note that we seek to avoid all unessential onsite meetings. Where meetings do take place with visitors - all parties must wear face coverings unless exempt.

Remembrance Day

P Jones



November 11th approaches and we are planning some activities to commemorate the day and remember our service personnel.

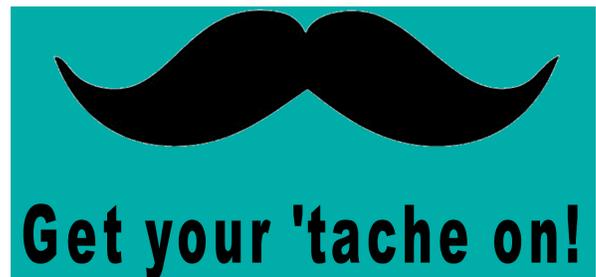
We would have a wreath for each year group that we will display around the school, as well as some Remembrance focuses activities during the week.

We will also observe the 2 minute silence and will share a virtual assembly with our students.

Please encourage students to bring in any donations they might like to offer and to wear poppies (which are available from each Year office).

November

J Wilkes



Each year, staff (and some students!) grow Mustaches and raise some money in aid of 'Movember' - a charity supporting men's health issues and research. Our apologies in advance for the appearance of some of our male staff members - it is all in a good cause!

Calendar

Week Beginning 9th November Week 2

Monday 9th	
Tuesday 10th	
Wednesday 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Remembrance Day
Thursday 12th	
Friday 13th	

Week Beginning 16th November Week 1

Monday 16th	
Tuesday 17th	
Wednesday 18th	
Thursday 19th	
Friday 20th	
Advance notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● INSET Day 23rd November - school closed to students● Nasal Flu - Y7 24th November● WAT COLLABORATIVE INSET DAY 4th December - school closed to students

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BLESSING!**



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The grant is for food and essential supplies to support people who are struggling to afford food and other essentials due to financial hardship and/or hardship caused by COVID-19. This scheme is temporary.

The maximum amount you can be awarded is £300 and you must live in Dudley borough.

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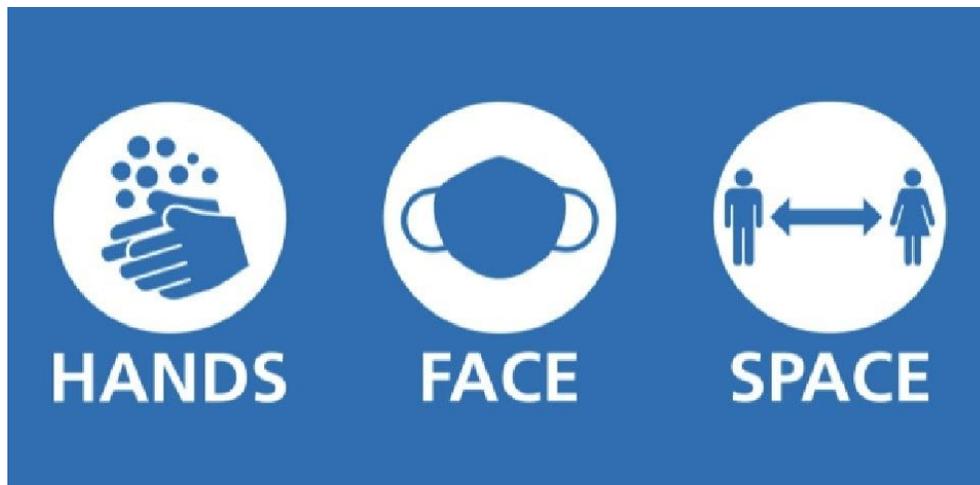


Detailed guidance regarding self isolation periods and households can be found below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Please support us by ensuring that all isolation periods are adhered to and do not allow your child to attend school if they have any of the following:

- A continuous cough
- High temperature 38c or above
- Loss of taste or smell





[Download Leaflet here](#)

Play your part, protect Dudley borough - help us avoid a local lockdown!

Staying alert remains critical!

Got symptoms?

Get tested. Protect your friends and family. Do not leave home.

Visit nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119 for a test.

Visit Dudley Council's website for more information.



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