



1st March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

I write to you reflecting on what has been a very busy term 3 here at TKASA. January always seems a long month with dark nights and not the best weather, and Christmas a distant memory. Whilst this is true, we have continued here with business as usual and lots going on, especially with preparations for the exams.

Sixth Form

I was thrilled to see so many of you attend the Sixth Form Open Evening. I think we had standing room only in the hall and the buzz around the site was great. I am so pleased to let you know that the number of applications we have received for sixth form now reaches over 120 and I would encourage you that if your son/daughter has not applied yet that they do so as soon as possible. Come along to our Open Morning on 2nd March 2019 to find out more.

Sixth Form organised RAG week during the last week of term 3 and I enjoyed those activities I took part in. I must say I enjoyed watching many of the events much more than I enjoyed taking part in the bush tucker trial! The students have all done a fabulous job and raised over £3500 for our charities. The younger students around school have enjoyed the events enormously and I know that 'soak the teacher' went down very well again this year and our Executive Principal enjoyed being part of 'The Chase' during the week. If you have any questions regarding sixth form please speak to Mr Gaskell or email him on jgaskell@tkasa.org.uk

Uniform

You will have read in my previous letters that I have been pleased to see children wearing blazers and ties, and I write to give you notice that I would like 100% of Years 7 – 11 in blazers and ties by the start of the next academic year. I hope this advance warning will give you all as much notice as possible to enable you to buy any uniform that you need. In addition to this, from the beginning of the next academic year, we are going to be much more prescriptive regarding footwear. Black leather trainers will be acceptable, but black canvas shoes or trainers will not be acceptable. Please remember that these leather trainers will need to be all black with no coloured logos or coloured soles. Further details regarding uniform will be made available and we will publish examples of dos and don'ts that you can use to ensure that your child is in the correct uniform.

Preparation for Public Exams

As I hope you have seen, our preparation with both the Year 11 and the sixth form students for their public exams has gathered pace. Miss Charles is working hard with the Year 11 students and has set up revision sessions to enable them to prepare. The Saturday sessions start on 2nd March and go through until early June (please note there are no Saturday revision sessions during the school holidays). Please speak to Miss Charles if you would like to find out more. I know that the students have been working incredibly hard to ensure they get the grades they deserve. Don't miss out on revision sessions – speak to Miss Charles today!

Finally I would like to thank you all for your support this term and I look forward to your continued support next term and beyond.

Yours faithfully

Nathan Jenkins
Principal