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Dear Parent/Carer

I write to you reflecting on what has been a very busy start to term 3 here at TKASA; it is business as usual and lots going on, especially with preparations for the exams.

Sixth Form

I am pleased to inform you that the number of sixth form applications are up on this time last year with well over 120 applications to date; interviews of those applicants are well underway, and, so far, the vast majority have indicated that TKASA is their first choice of post 16 destination. We have also had significant interest from students in our partner schools in Weston and other schools in the local area. This is great news for the school and the wider trust community. If you have questions regarding sixth form please speak to Mr Gaskell.

Catering

As you know, we are now working with Pabulum who provide our catering services here at school. Pabulum are settling in well to our school and providing healthy balanced meals to our school community. Mr Milford has run assemblies to explain to students how the new menus work and after some teething problems, students are now taking advantage of the high quality food on offer. I am pleased to report that numbers of students accessing the canteen are up on this time last year. Students are understanding how the menu works, in particular the meal deal, and also I am pleased to report that queuing is significantly reduced.

Wessex Water

You will no doubt be aware from my previous letter and the signs that are visible in the community that Wessex Water will be carrying out flooding alleviation work in our area; we are informed by them that they will start works in February 2020. Following negotiations with the project team, we are pleased to tell you that access to the school fields via the back gate from the pedestrian footpath will now only be closed during some short periods of the works, and the plan is that the major works near the back gate will happen during periods when the school is closed to students. There may however, be occasions when the back gate access may not be available but the school will be informed of this in good time by the Wessex Water project team so that I will have sufficient time to inform you of any upcoming closure.

Preparation for Public Exams

Preparation with both the Year 11 and the sixth form students for their public exams has gathered pace. The sixth formers have just completed their PPEs and Year 11 completed theirs just before Christmas. Miss Charles is working hard with the Year 11 students and has set up interventions to support Year 11s in the run up to GCSEs. Revision sessions continue with open sessions, focussed sessions, 1:1 sessions and targeted sessions together with an informal drop in for study. Friday Night takeaway sessions have also been well attended across the year group and will continue until half term. Saturday School starts on 29th February. I know that the students have been working incredibly hard to ensure they get the grades they deserve and they are a real credit to you and to themselves. If you would like to find out more about the revision sessions – speak to Miss Charles bcharles@tkasa.org.uk today! For any sixth form queries, please contact Mr Gaskell jgaskell@tkasa.org.uk.

Finally I would like to thank you all for your support this term as always.

Yours faithfully

Nathan Jenkins
Principal