



28-5-20

Dear Parents and Guardians

As we reach the end of term and end of this exceptional school year today, I would like to acknowledge the support and dedication of the staff and students as well as yourselves during this pandemic, for which I am very grateful. We continue to hold in our thoughts and prayers those who have been impacted by Covid-19.

I hope your spirits will be lifted by the linked video, posted by the student council today to mark [Blue Coat Day](#), which shows how our students have remained connected, while at home. Chapel, our classrooms and grounds would certainly have benefitted from their energy and humour.

School reopening – [FAQs](#)

It is understandable that you have many questions regarding the new school year. Amidst the current uncertainty and anxiety, our primary objective is to ensure a safe place for our students to learn and colleagues to work. We have prepared a [FAQ](#), which addresses some questions on what we are planning in order to achieve this. However, this is a working document and will be updated as we receive Public Health guidelines which informs the reopening phases over the summer. We will be staying in contact with you over the next few weeks as processes become clearer and will keep our website updated for reference.

Academics – [Siobhán Daly](#)

Staff are busy working on end of term subject reports for Forms 1-5 and preparing documentation to support the Leaving Certificate Calculated Grades. Booklists will be available later in June. We will be in contact with TY students rising to Form 5 about subject blocks in the next few weeks.

Leaving Certificate Calculated Grades – [Louise Marshall](#)

Please continue to email LC2020@thekingshospital.ie, where we can collate your questions and respond quickly.

Virtual Art Gallery

We have 5 weeks of wonderful curated student artwork in our [Online Gallery](#) so I hope you get a chance to make a virtual visit to see the talented artists in our school. Week 6 will be available to view next week.

RIAM Exams – [Kerrie O'Reilly](#)

RIAM exam performances will need to be uploaded between Jun 1st -14th. Please follow this [How to Guide for recording performances](#). All u18s must be recorded by an adult, so please work together with your son or daughter on their videos.

Sports – [Derek Maybury](#)

As sporting guidelines become apparent over the next few weeks, we will send updated information on SOCS and timetables for the new term. Do try to keep up the great fitness levels many of you have attained during the restrictions and especially now that you have the opportunity to meet up with 3 friends outdoors.



Well-Being – [John Aiken](#)

Although school is now closed for the summer, we continue to offer continuity of well-being care to our students, if they find themselves struggling due to the effects of the Pandemic. Our school counsellor, Clair Breen, and the school nurses have all kindly agreed to remain available to students throughout the summer. They can be contacted by text or email to arrange a call back.

- Counsellor — counsellor@thekingshospital.ie or text: 0879267507
- Nurses — nurses@thekingshospital.ie or text: 0863277781

Fuse Workshop

We were pleased to receive the FUSE Certification of Completion this week as part of our anti-bullying programme. There was significant praise for the Form 2 participants and their Form 5 mentors: *'Given the difficult circumstances, you did exceptionally well to complete and submit projects and your students' submissions really impressed the team here in the National Anti-Bullying Resource and Research Centre.'* Thank you to Lorna McGinn and Louise Marshall for initiating and leading this project for KH as part of the national pilot.

Library – [Summer Bulletin & Recommended Reads](#)

Ms Kelly has collated her recommending summer reading lists for junior and senior students along with a term news bulletin. She is also putting together one for the adults, which we look forward to sharing with you. Ms Kelly and Mr Whiteside have extended the deadline for inclusion in our [Digital Time Capsule](#) project to June 8th so please encourage your child to submit to this historical project.

Access to School for Personal Belongings – Cormac Ua Bruadair

Personal belongings, from lockers and boarding rooms, can be collected by those living within a 5km radius of the school. On the 8th June, that will be extended to those living within a 20 km radius of the school. For those living outside of these distances a family member or friend may collect belongings, should they be passing the school legitimately. In all cases people **must** apply for a time slot by emailing facilities@thekingshospital.ie otherwise access cannot be granted to the school campus.

A separate email will be sent by [Cormac Ua Bruadair](#) to parents regarding the refund process on the Bilbao and Iceland trips, as significant progress has been made.

Retirements

The following colleagues are retiring at the end of term and we look forward to when we are in a position to celebrate and honour the contribution of each to our community in the not too distant future.

Andrew Deacon - While I am happy for Andrew that he is embarking on his journey into retirement, I am also sad for The King's Hospital community who are losing an excellent teacher, and a much valued colleague, and friend.

Graham Walsh - Thank you to Graham for his forty years of dedicated service to The King's Hospital as School organist, Music tutor and accompanist.



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Dr Robet Nelson - On behalf of the school our thanks for the care, compassion and support to students and colleagues that Robert has shown during his time as our School Doctor.

Kay Boland – Thank you to Kay, our longstanding housekeeper who, has supported both the staff and the students in KH over her many years here. She will be sorely missed by all.

In the meantime, we wish Robert well with his GP Practice; and Andrew, Graham and Kay the very best for this summer and a long and healthy retirement.

Thoughts from Chapel – [Rev. Campion](#)

This evening Rev. Campion will post his 50th and final 'Thoughts from Chapel' clip. It has been a tremendous achievement, to touch the hearts of the community every night, and one I know you all have appreciated. He even had a mention in the Irish Times and was interviewed on [RTE's Ray D'Arcy Show](#). All 50 clips including a bonus 'rap track' are catalogued on this [YouTube playlist](#). Having missed the opportunity to see the campus in its summer glory Rev. Campion has done a virtual bike tour for us. Link to the [Guided Virtual Tour](#) and [1 minute zip around](#).

I do hope your family has been able to benefit from the gentle easing of restrictions; and that the students can look forward to the summer break and the wonderful weather forecast for this Bank Holiday Weekend.

Yours

Mark Ronan

Headmaster/Principal