

KLA RE-OPENING! FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

Dear parents, carers & students,

Firstly, huge thanks from me to our brilliant community of students, parents and families for your support during a tricky 48 hours. Closing our school is something I never want to do and was absolutely a last resort in unfortunate circumstances. I genuinely appreciate the sensible and supportive responses I have had to this situation – you really do all make my job so much less difficult by being so reasonable and I know from frequent conversations with fellow heads who do not necessarily enjoy such brilliant patience that this is something I should never take for granted!


Our engineers have fixed the pump, and we have been testing the system this morning with Year 11 to make sure it is slowly repressurising properly. The engineers have also installed a pump bypass straight from the mains to act as a failsafe should the pump fail again which would mean we should be able to manage on around three-quarters of our water supply at possibly lower pressure even if there is a further failure, so I am now confident that I can legally open the school tomorrow once more.

Tomorrow, therefore, KLA will be back open as normal – students should be on site by 8:30 a.m. please, in full school uniform. Our attendance for the first week back was 95% (5% higher than last year's average attendance) which is a great start – please let us keep up this level of high attendance as it the single most important ingredient to school success.

Finally, I would also just like to take a moment to praise our fabulous Year 11 students – 93% of them have been in school for the past two days, working so hard and (dare I say it) enjoying having the school to themselves. Thank you to all those parents who helped insist upon their attendance – it has been paying off!

We look forward to seeing everyone back as usual tomorrow morning. Once again, please accept my sincere apologies for the disruption I know that this situation will have caused to parents.

With very best wishes



Alan Fletcher