

Newsletter - Autumn 2018



A word from our Director

Did the summer fly? It feels like we have lived through a year's worth of weather during these 6 weeks – scorching hot, pouring rain with floods, thunder and lightning and sometimes chilly. Amidst these atmospheric conditions, we have been beavering away behind the scenes. We have constructed a new all singing and dancing website.

There is an electronic registration system now – please register yourself/your children so we are totally in line with the new data laws.

www.kemsingtuition.co.uk/registration

We have also changed our booking system. It is no longer Simply Book, but Acuity. This system allows us to implement your request for text reminders about lessons among other improvements. Finally, our invoicing system is moving from Crunch to Xero. Here we are raring to face the new academic year.





Term Dates

This term starts on Tuesday 4th September, in line with many schools. If you wish to start the week later and haven't already done so, please would you let Katie know by email.

Half term is Sunday 21st October – Sunday 28th October.

Term ends on Wednesday 19th December.





Exciting Developments

Over the summer our tutor apprentices have been very busy devising various study aids. Their <u>Top Tips</u> are available on the website and will eventually cover numerous topics in <u>maths</u>, <u>English</u>, music and general <u>home/school</u> issues. Do make use of this resource by printing off the sheets or showing your children where they are as a point of reference.

This term we are running a feedback project. Each tutor has a letter explaining about the feedback we would like from the children. We need parental consent on the letter in order to post their feedback. For all completed parental forms and children's feedback a Freddo bar will be given.

The first of our key stage 1 maths songs have been recorded and video clips taken. These songs and videos are designed to help younger students learn fundamental maths skills. The first in the series to be released is Number Bonds, which will be followed by Double Me. They will be available on the website as well as on our You Tube channel.

Another invaluable resource for our piano pupils is on the <u>You Tube channel</u>. Richard has recorded piano exam pieces. Hearing a piece played accurately is very helpful when learning. Currently, there is one piano piece on the channel, the others will be uploaded in due course.

As always, our <u>weekly competitions</u> are posted on the website on a Monday, closing on the Friday. We aim to publish the results on Saturday and at the end of the month draw one lucky overall winner. Each tutor has cards to hand out to pupils to remind them about the competitions and where to find them.





Staff Announcements

We have been very pleased to welcome Charlotte to the team over the summer. Charlotte is a Cambridge graduate, working in the office and will also be tutoring. She is a particularly gifted mathematician.





Hall of Fame

Our warmest congratulations are extended to pupils and staff alike for their fantastic GCSE exam results. The hard work has definitely paid off. Well done everyone.