



Kingsman Academy
Public Charter School

Dear Kingsman Academy R.I.S.E. Students and Families,

I am writing today to introduce myself and share important news about Kingsman Academy Public Charter School for the 2020 - 2021 school year.

My name is **Shanise Butler** and I will be working with you as the Interventions Coordinator for the R.I.S.E. program. I am excited to return to Kingsman Academy and continue supporting our students. The R.I.S.E. program focuses on providing flexible opportunities for credit recovery and personalized engagement for students.

In line with public health guidance, **Kingsman Academy will be virtual for the start of the school year**. As a reminder, **Virtual School is school for Kingsman Academy, and student participation is required**. Students who want to move to the next level or graduate at the end of the school year must participate in Virtual School.

On Friday, September 4th from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm you will have the opportunity to meet Ms. Butler, pick up a Chromebook, T-Mobile hotspot, a box of prepared meals for the week, household items and supplies, and instructional resources and materials. Kingsman Academy has also partnered with TrueCare24 to provide you and your family with basic health care assistance, including on-site COVID-19 screenings and on-site testing free of charge.

Here are a few details about Virtual School:

- **The first day of Virtual School classes will be Tuesday, September 8.** The R.I.S.E. Program offers credit recovery and online course opportunities to increase academic progress towards graduation. Students are also provided opportunities to participate in virtual college and career readiness activities. Students will meet with me to solidify coursework and individual academic plans.
- **Virtual School will continue through at least the first trimester of the school year.** We are constantly reviewing public health guidelines and will make adjustments when and if needed. In addition to regularly scheduled classes, we will offer individualized behavior and social-emotional support for students. Each Friday is reserved for community outreach. Students and families can visit the school for technology support, food pick-up, or get assistance or support services that may be needed.
- **Virtual Program Check-ins.** To support students and families as we navigate virtual school, staff will be available for check-ins each day. Students will also have access to individual check-in sessions to review academic progress, receive related services, and get social emotional support.
- **Virtual Incentives.** Students will have access to earn incentives for meeting goals. Each student will set goals in their individual check-in meeting. When a student meets a goal or completed objectives, he or she can earn points towards incentives.

This has been an unprecedented time for our city, our school, and our students. But what has made our school community strong is our commitment to supporting our students and families. That commitment continues during Virtual School, and it will continue when we can be back in the school building together.

If you have questions about Virtual School or need support or assistance, please contact **Shanise Butler, call or text 301-458-0318, or email sbutler@kingsmanacademy.org**. For updates on how DC is handling the novel coronavirus and for information on how to protect yourself and your family, please visit DC's coronavirus website at <https://coronavirus.dc.gov>.

Sincerely,

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