



Kingsman Academy  
Public Charter School

Dear Kingsman Academy 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 **Malik Carson** and I will be working with you as the Interventions Coordinator for the **Bridging The Gap** program. The program offers a flexible learning environment where students receive personalized support to learn academic skills, individual behavior support services and incentives, and a unique opportunity to explore different locations in the District of Columbia through community-based instruction. This personalized approach to learning and school engagement provides each student real-world experiences and opens the door to tremendous career, college and life readiness development and training opportunities.

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 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.** Virtual School will start each Monday - Thursday at 9:30am with a community meeting followed by Personalized English Courses, Personalized Mathematics Courses, Independent Learning Time (ILT) and office hours for one-to-one academics support, career and college readiness, and behavior interventions.
- **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.
- **Bridging the Gap will have weekly check-ins and community meetups.** Following public health guidelines, students meet at local establishments in the community to get the support and interventions needed to maintain momentum in reaching their individualized academic, behavior and engagement goals.
- **Virtual Incentives.** Students will have access to earn incentives for meeting goals. Each student will set academic, behavior, health and wellness, and behavior 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 **Malik Carson**, call [301-327-0942] , or email [Mcarson@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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