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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an excellent start to the term and have very much enjoyed welcoming our new and existing students to the new academic year and talking to them about their summer.

Over the past few days, as well as beginning their lesson timetable, students have spent a lot of time with their tutors and participating in House activities. We have congratulated students on a brilliant 2024-25 including their excellent attitude to learning, which was also noted by OFSTED inspectors, improved attendance and participation in enrichment and leadership activities.

We have shared with students the key aspects of the school's development plan for the year. These include:

- improving attendance and punctuality even further
- making sure all students flourish
- ensuring all students participate in enrichment and leadership activities so that they all develop a strong sense of belonging to KNGS
- working with WMAT
- developing our digital strategy and safe use of AI

We talked to students about their responsibility to ensure that they maximise their opportunities to learn and help minimise any impact of lost learning. Lost Learning is a big focus for us this year. It builds on our attendance drive and focuses on ensuring that we maximise time in the classroom for all students and, on those occasions when students may miss learning for some reason, how staff and students can ensure that learning is not lost. We have asked students to think about how they can help themselves on these occasions by:

- Speaking to their teachers or emailing them for the work they have missed;
- Speaking to a friend or peer from the class;
- Talking to their tutor for support with catching up.

So many of our students really do own their learning already, please talk to your child about this and support where you can. As always if, you need support do get in touch with your child's form tutor.

Staffing updates

We are delighted to welcome:

- Mr Singh – Geography
- Mr Park – English
- Ms Hulbert – PE
- Mr Chittick – Maths
- Ms Heath – RE
- Mr Hulbert – Science
- Mr Andrews – English
- Mr Ibrahim – Science
- Mr Williams – Science



- Ms Harper – Cleaner & Lunchtime Supervisor
- Ms Kouser – Cleaner
- Ms Tierney – Lunchtime Supervisor

Examination results:

Congratulations to all of our year 11 and year 13 students on their fantastic GCSE and A Level results. Their examination results at GCSE and A level were excellent and both above national outcomes. There will be no Progress 8 score for GCSE this year and the A level Value added score will be known later this year however, I am pleased to share the following headlines: -

A-Level results

	2025	National
A*-A	30.4%	28.6%
A*-B	59.4%	55.9%
A*-C	80.5%	78.7%
A*-E	97.5%	97.8%
APS	37.27	36.24
Average Grade	B-	B-

GCSE results

% of Grades	KNGS	National
4+	86 %	67.11 %
5+	73.8%	51.90 %
7+	36.7%	21.75 %

Once again, congratulations to all of our students and I would like to thank our dedicated teaching and support staff for ably supporting our students.

Attendance

Thank you all for your support in improving our attendance at KNGS last year. And huge congratulation to our current year 8 students who when compared to 20 similar schools nationally were had the best attendance of the 20 schools.

Excellent attendance is so important because it ensures your child feels a sense of belonging. This helps them get the most out of school and fulfil their potential. Evidence clearly shows that students with high attendance are more likely to: -

- Form and maintain strong friendships;
- Develop personally and socially;
- Flourish academically, helping them achieve the best possible exam results and move onto their destination of choice.

We know that sometimes attending school requires some courage; maybe because a child feels unwell or they are finding certain aspects of school challenging. In relation to feeling unwell, your child should attend



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even if they have cold symptoms. The only time you should keep your child at home is if they have a temperature of 38°C or above, a contagious disease or have been vomiting or have diarrhoea.

If your child is worried about attending for reasons other than feeling unwell, please encourage them to attend and speak to their Form Tutor or Head of Year at the earliest opportunity. At KNGS we want to work with families to understand and address barriers to attendance so that students are able to flourish to achieve their full potential.

Our exam analysis over the last couple of years clearly shows a direct and significant link between attendance and attainment; this was as much as a grade per subject difference, regardless of prior attainment or target grades. To put this into context, whilst 90% in an exam is a brilliant achievement, in attendance terms it is well short of what is required for students to flourish. As percentages can be misleading we will try to use days missed when speaking about attendance; even 95% attendance would result in 9 weeks of missed learning, equivalent to 225 lessons, over five years of school.

Days absent in a school year	Attendance rating	Percentages
0	Excellent: KNGS ambition	100%
1-7	Good: KNGS minimum target	96-99%
8-11	Needs improving	94-95%
12-18	Poor attendance	91-93%

Birmingham City Council issue information regarding school attendance and absence advice for parents in September explaining the Support First process and the rules around penalty notices for students missing school. We hope to be in a position to send this out to you shortly.

Attendance reminders

- ✓ Students should attend even if they have a cold or feel unwell.
- ✓ Report any unavoidable absence daily by 8.30am, using the absence line on 0121 675 1305.
- ✓ Holidays during term time cannot be approved.
- ✓ Written proof of medical and dental appointments MUST be provided (in person or by email). Our website has more information about attendance <https://www.kngs.co.uk/school-life/attendance/>.

Uniform

We are proud of the way our students wear their uniform, in Years 7 to 11, and business dress in sixth form.

The full letter can be found here: https://www.kngs.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Y7-10-behaviour-letter_uniform.pdf

- Skirts: Navy blue with back vent or navy blue with all round pleats. Tight fitted, short and/or lycra skirts are NOT allowed. Skirt should be no more than 5cm above the knee (we will be using the phrase 'near to the knee' with students)
- Smart shoes: Trainers (including Converse) are not allowed to be worn.
- Jewellery: Students may wear a flat ring, wrist watch and ONE small plain stud in each ear, one necklace. One item of discreet devotional jewellery is also allowed but it must not be visible. Other piercings are NOT permitted. Bracelets are not permitted.



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- Make-up: Students are not allowed to wear make-up in years 7 to 9, and discreet foundation only from year 10. Nail varnish or any form of false nails/eye-lashes are not permitted. Full guidance on our uniform can be found here: <https://www.kngs.co.uk/school-life/uniform>

Key dates for the year

The following confirms important dates during the school year when the school will either start late, finish early or close due to staff training. Also, I have included other key dates for your diary. Please note the early closure on Thursday 25th September is to accommodate our main School Open Evening event.

Early closure, late starts, training days and school closures				
	Day	Date	Event	Timing
2025	Thursday	25 th September	Main school and Sixth Form Open Evening (2026 entry)	6.00 – 8.00 pm Students finish at 12.20pm
	Friday	24 th October	INSET Training day	Closed to students
	Friday	28 th November	INSET Training day	Closed to students
	Friday	19 th December	Last day of Autumn term for students	Students finish at 12.30pm
2026	Wednesday	4 th February	INSET Training day	Closed to students
	Monday	4 th May	Bank holiday	Closed to staff and students
	Friday	18 th July	Last day for students	Students finish at 12.30pm
	Monday	20 th July	INSET Training Day	Closed to students
Other key dates for your diary – Please note all events marked ***				
	Day	Date	Event	Timing
2025	Monday	15 th September	Y12 Parents as Partners Evening (online event)	5.00 – 5.45 pm
	Thursday	25 th September	Open Evening (Year 7 and Sixth Form – 2026 entry)	5.00 – 8.00pm
	Friday	26 th September	Open Morning (Year 7 & Sixth Form – 2026 entry) - Online booking required	*** 9.00 – 11.00am (online bookings only)
	Monday	29 th September	Sixth Form online applications live	



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	Thursday	2 nd October	Open Morning (Year 7 & Sixth Form – 2023 entry) - Online booking required	*** 9.00 – 11.00 am (online bookings only)
	Monday	6 th October	Y7 Parents as Partners Evening Y9 Parents as Partners Drop-in	TBC
	Monday	20 th October	Y11 Parents as Partners	TBC
	Thursday	13 th November	Y11 Parents Evening (online using School Cloud)	3.30 – 6.00pm
	Tuesday	18 th November	Meet the Sixth Form	4.00 – 5.30pm
	Thursday	27 th November	Y10 Parents Evening (online using School Cloud)	3.30 – 6.00 pm
	Monday	1 st December	Y10 Parents as Partners Evening	TBC
	Tuesday	16 th December	Christmas Concert	Time TBC
2026	Monday	12 th January	Y8 Parents as Partners	TBC
	Thursday	22 nd January	Sixth Form Parents Evening (online using School Cloud) – Y12 Sociology and Business Studies will be on Thursday 5 th February	3.30 – 6.00pm
	Thursday	5 th February	Y7 Parents Evening (online using School Cloud) Y12 Sociology and Business Studies Parents Evening (online using School Cloud)	3.30 – 6.00pm
	Thursday	5 th March	Y9 Parents Evening (online using School Cloud)	3.30 – 6.00 pm
	Tuesday	10 th March	Y9 Parents as Partners Evening	Time TBC
	Tuesday	24 th March	Y13 Parents as Partners Evening	Time TBC
	Thursday	26 th March	Y8 Parents Evening (online using School Cloud)	3.30 – 6.00 pm
	Monday	18 th May	Y12 Parents as Partners Evening	Time TBC
	Monday	22 nd June	Whole School Open Morning Y7 & Sixth Form - 2025 entry	*** 9.00am – 11.00 am



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	Tuesday	23 rd June	Whole School Open Morning Y7 & Sixth Form - 2025 entry	*** 9.00am – 11.00 am
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*** Whole school open mornings do not affect timings of the school day, students should attend as normal.

Please note, timings may change, you will be informed if this is the case.

We are excited about the year ahead and very proud of our students making such a positive start to the year in order to open a world of opportunities. Thank you for your continued support as it is vital that school and home work in partnership to ensure all children flourish.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Raggett
Headteacher