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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Welcome back for a new term and new year at The King's School. It has been an excellent start for virtually all of our young people, who are looking exceptionally smart in their uniforms and meeting our high expectations for personal appearance and behaviour. As you are aware from the meetings held and letters sent out in July there have been changes in procedures and systems to assist us in our journey to becoming an Outstanding school. We are committed to working with you and I wish to inform you of a number of updates.

GCSE results

As you may already be aware the GCSE results for 2018 saw a significant improvement in Attainment and Progress measures across most subjects this year. Our vision is to provide the best possible quality of education within an outstanding environment and this is a great step on our exciting journey, consistently and regularly delivering improvements.

School Uniform

Thank you to all parents / carers that have supported us with regard to the changes to school uniform in ensuring that children are wearing the correct uniform. We appreciate your patience with regards to the difficulties that a small minority of you have faced when purchasing items from our official school uniform supplier. We value all feedback that we have received in regard of this. As a Trust we are evaluating the situation with regard to the uniform supplier for the next academic year.

Behaviour for Learning – Change in Detentions

The new Behaviour for Learning Policy, incorporating the consequence system, which will ensure outstanding behaviour, so that teachers can teach and students can learn has been introduced. As with any new system we will always evaluate and review how it is working and, as a result we have amended the consequence system slightly to ensure that parents/carers are given adequate notice should their child receive a detention. **We will no longer issue same day detentions; you will receive a text the day before the detention is due to take place to enable you to make suitable arrangements for their child's safe journey home.** Please remember to check your child's planner as this is an important means of communication between home and school.

Website

Please take a look at our new website for The King's School which can be found at kings.patrust.org.uk. Information regarding all aspects of school life can be found here and this will be added to on a weekly basis.

Setting

A reminder that your child will have probably altered groups due to the broad mixed ability sets within core subjects (foundation groups have always been taught as mixed ability) to enable all students to make greater progress. This is in line with strong research evidence from the Education Endowment Fund and outstanding schools. Although early indications are positive, please be assured that we are monitoring the groups carefully so that students are learning and making progress.

Parent Forum

Our first Parent Forum meeting will occur on Wednesday 3rd October between 6 and 7pm in the Learning Resource Centre. The agenda item is 'Vision and Values' of The King's School. These meetings are your opportunity to share your opinions and will be considered alongside those of students and staff. Following agenda items will be decided at the meeting. Please email admin@kings.patrust.org.uk if you are able to attend to with the subject 'Parent Forum'. I look forward to seeing you there.

Curriculum

To prepare students for life skills and the greater rigour and challenge of the newer GCSEs time dedicated to Mathematics has increased. In Year 10 the previous compulsory short course of RE has been replaced with a course which has a different focus each term of Maths, Literacy, metacognition (learning how to learn) and revision strategies whilst also meeting our statutory requirements in RE.

This year is set to be a very exciting year for our students and I thank you for ensuring we can work together to secure the very best future for our young people.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Elaine Briggs
Head of School