

16 December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

As the end of term approaches and our thoughts turn to Christmas celebrations, I would like to thank you, on behalf of all the staff at Kings, for your ongoing support. This is a time to reflect on the past two terms and the many fabulous achievements of our young people.

As always, the term has been incredibly busy. It has been a pleasure to be able to welcome parents/carers back into school more regularly this year. This has included the Open Evenings, both for the main school and Kings' Sixth, along with Parents' Evenings which have been a mix of face-to-face and virtual this year. I am very grateful to students for their help at these events, acting as superb ambassadors for their school. They were a real credit to our community acting as guides and taking part in presentations. Visitors commented favourably on the warmth of the welcome and the vibrancy of the Academy and I have taken great pleasure in showing so many current and new families around Kings. We have been pleased with the engagement at these events and are very grateful to those of you who attended. We hope you found them useful.

We were very proud to welcome so many of you to the Awards Evening this week. It was fantastic to gather and celebrate the achievements of some of our students from last year. I look forward to this becoming an annual event for us all to look forwards to.

Our students have impressed me greatly again this term, demonstrating great commitment and dedication to the Academy. I have been incredibly impressed by their hard work since September. It is a pleasure to see our students develop in their studies and make such excellent progress. The leadership within the student body has significantly developed this academic year. The Sixth Form senior team, along with the lower-school house representatives, are helping to mould our Academy for the future. It has also been fantastic to see the resurgence of Charities Week, with staff and students alike getting involved and raising a fantastic total for our chosen charities.

Year 9 have made a fantastic start to their time at Kings, settling in well and showing great maturity. They now know their way around the site and are settled in their classes. Years 10 and 11 have continued their learning very impressively and Years 11 and 13 have now completed their PPEs. Year 11 will receive the results of their recent PPEs during our Year 11 Results Day on Wednesday 18 January 2023; a taste of what to expect in the summer.

As you know, we have also made significant investment in our buildings and premises at Kings, and I am delighted that we are nearing the end of this first phase. Students have already benefitted from new facilities and teaching areas, with our Year 12 and 13 students settling into their brand new Sixth Form Centre. In February, we look forward to opening a bespoke student support centre and a new Modern Foreign Languages department.

I wish you and your family a peaceful festive season, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing our students when they return on Wednesday 4 January 2023.

Yours sincerely



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