

Welcome to Kings Sixth



- This presentation is designed to give you important information on how to help your child:
 - Make a successful transition from GCSE to Sixth Form
 - Meet the expectations of Sixth Form
- As well as information on:
 - Top tips for supporting your child
 - Where to access help and support, and find information

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Meet the team

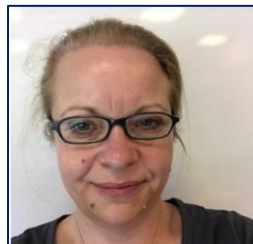
Miss R Wright
(Head of Sixth Form
and DDSL)



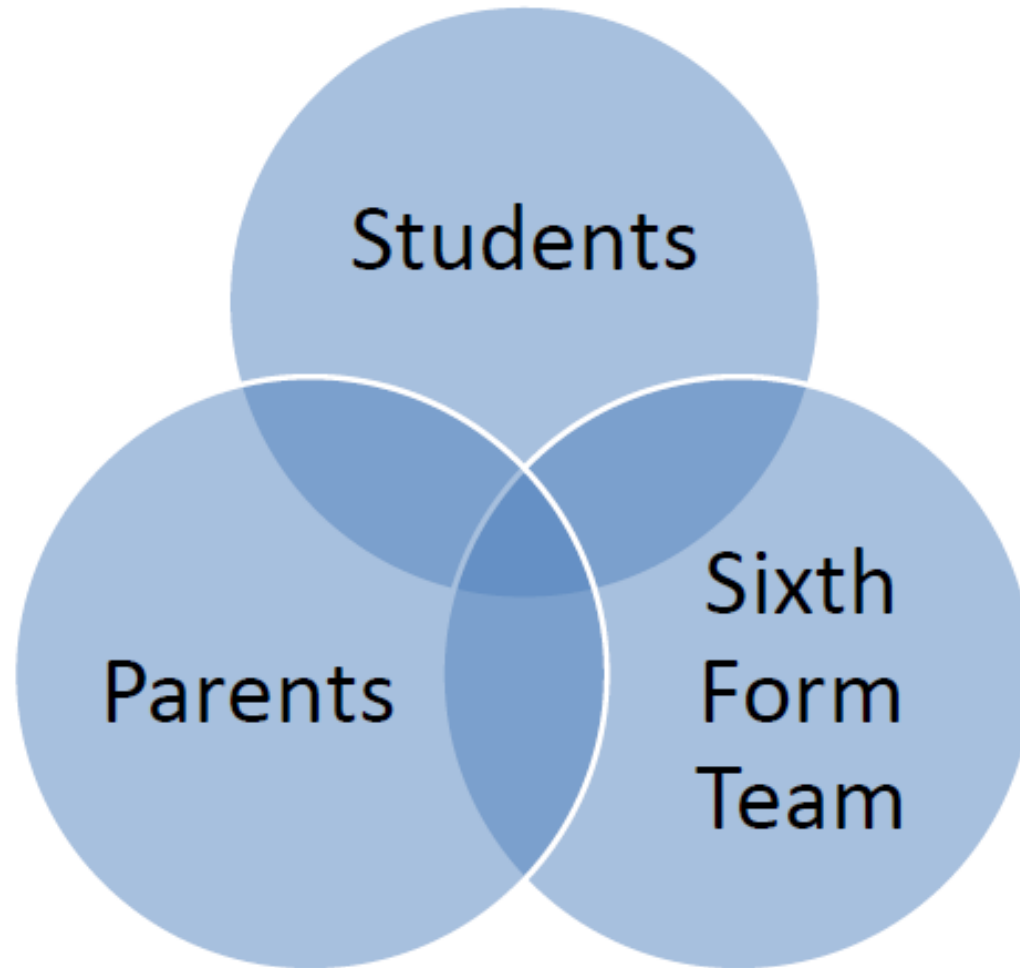
Year 12 tutors

Mrs N Blower/Mr D Parfitt
Mrs L Mochrie/Ms C Zanelli
Mrs E Read
Mr M Ward
Mr M Wells
Mrs J Wilson

Ms S Knightley
(Senior Tutor – Student
Leadership and Enrichment)



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Tips from a previous student

- Independence and proactivity.
- Organisation and time management.
- Effective recording of learning and note making.
- Resilience and grit.
- Genuine academic engagement – wider reading and research. Depth over breadth.
- Beyond Sixth Form - extracurricular activities.
- Work-Life balance: getting this right.
- Understanding your grades (and using them!).

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What you can expect from us

- Specialist teaching.
- Feedback to support your learning and progress.
- Support with transition to Y12 (independent learning).
- Wide range of enrichment opportunities – the bigger picture.
- Support (academic, pastoral, employability/next steps).
- Experienced sixth form tutor team.
- New sixth form centre.
- Leadership opportunities, student voice.



Y12 Transition Term

When?	Wednesday period 5	Friday ETT
Week 1	Outline of transition term	Working independently, using 'frees', the essentials
Week 2	Safeguarding and volunteering opportunities	Procrastination and planning
Week 3	Enrichment – what is it?	Note-taking and research
Week 4	Critical thinking and Mental Health	Futures sheet – looking ahead, staying on track
Week 5	Study Skills	Revision Skills
Week 6	Referencing, AI, plagiarism, essay writing	Preparing for Home Study
Week 7	Managing workload	(inset day)

Home Study may be available to students after October half term. Wednesday afternoons will remain compulsory for enrichment activities.

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Tutor Time

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tutor check in Notices and opportunities shared Sometimes a cheeky quiz! Attendance checks Mentoring 	<p>Thought for the Week and Register and Read</p>  <p>Read around your subjects, develop critical thinking skills, accessing information.</p>	 <p>Sixth Form PSHE provision – a compulsory element of your KS5 learning to ensure you have the knowledge and skills to be confident, successful young adults.</p>	<p>Assembly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sixth Form Team Senior Team House Captains Guest speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Careers Apprenticeships Universities Employers NCS Ex students...etc.. 	<p>ETT the 'Transition Term'.</p> <p>Y12 – key learning skills</p> <p>Y13 – UCAS, next steps, post-18</p>

Tutors should be the first port of call for students and parents and carers for any questions, queries or concerns. Contact details are on the following slide.

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Form tutor(s)

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Mrs N Blower
Mr D Parfitt

12LM

Mrs L Mochrie
Ms C Zanelli

12ERE

Mrs E Read

12MWa

Mr M Ward

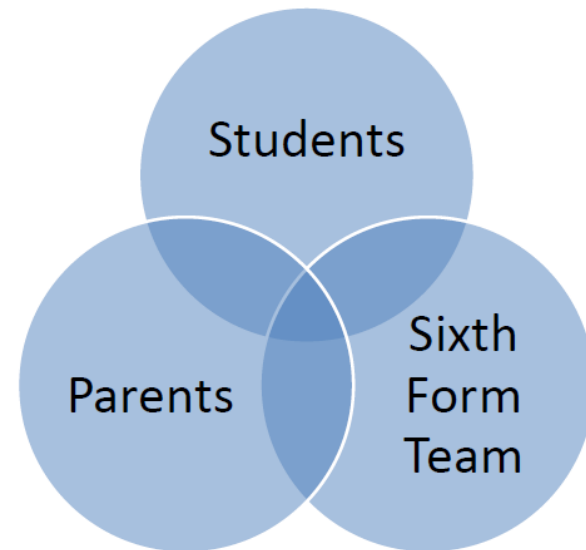
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Mr M Wells

12JW

Mrs J Wilson

To contact your child's tutor, please email the main school office with the subject 'FAO: tutor name'.



Timings and Attendance

The school day starts with tutor time at 8:45am.

Parents/carers to notify school of any absence.

Students may leave site to go to the shop – they must sign in and out at the main office.

Students may sign out to go home after their last lesson of the day.

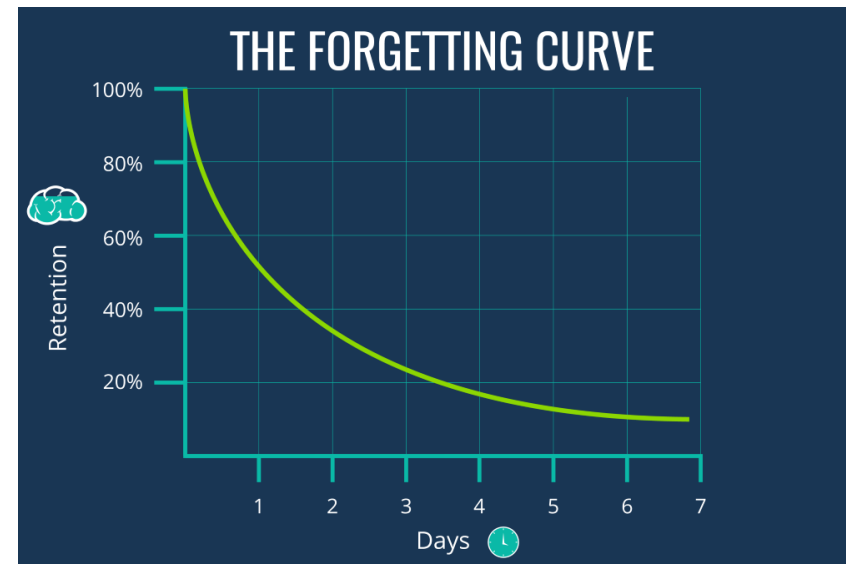
Students are expected to attend all formal registered timetabled lessons, including:

- Tutor time
- All subject lessons
- Wednesday afternoon enrichment sessions



Study Habits for Success

1. Get your motivation sorted
2. Be clear about assessment
3. Work consistently
4. Make the most of study periods
5. Consolidate work from day one
6. Organise your folders
7. Use to-do lists
8. Use exam board websites
9. Engage with your teachers
10. Healthy study-life balance



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The Essentials

- Download the specifications for all your subjects
- Regularly evaluate your learning
- Download exam questions and mark schemes
- Read ahead and read beyond your subject
- Read and condense your notes – e.g. keep this strategy active using the Cornell method (tutor time this week)
- Practice answering past exam questions
- Research specific topics/areas of study in greater depth using the internet
- Manage time well by planning when, where, what and how revision will occur

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Learning beyond the classroom

- Access to Bristol
- HE+ (Cambridge)
- Firefly resources – extra reading, deliberate learning
- MOOCs
- TED Talks
- Podcasts
- **Treat your studies as a full time job. For every hour in the classroom, you should undertake an hour of independent study.**
- If students manage their time and use their school time effectively for study, they will protect their work-life balance comfortably.

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Student *dos*

- DO utilise non-contact time for study (being proactive if no work to be worked on, not just chilling all the time, further reading).
- DO look after yourself – exercise, eat well, get sleep, time away from screens...
- DO keep a mature manner around Sixth Form, building relationships with Sixth Form staff as they play important roles as referees.
- DO talk to your parents/people at home. A big part of doing well is knowing there is a support network around you – use it!
- DO remember that you will get to where you want to be. A positive mind set is key. Recognise that it is a lot of work but there is a lot of support to help you get there.

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Student *don'ts*

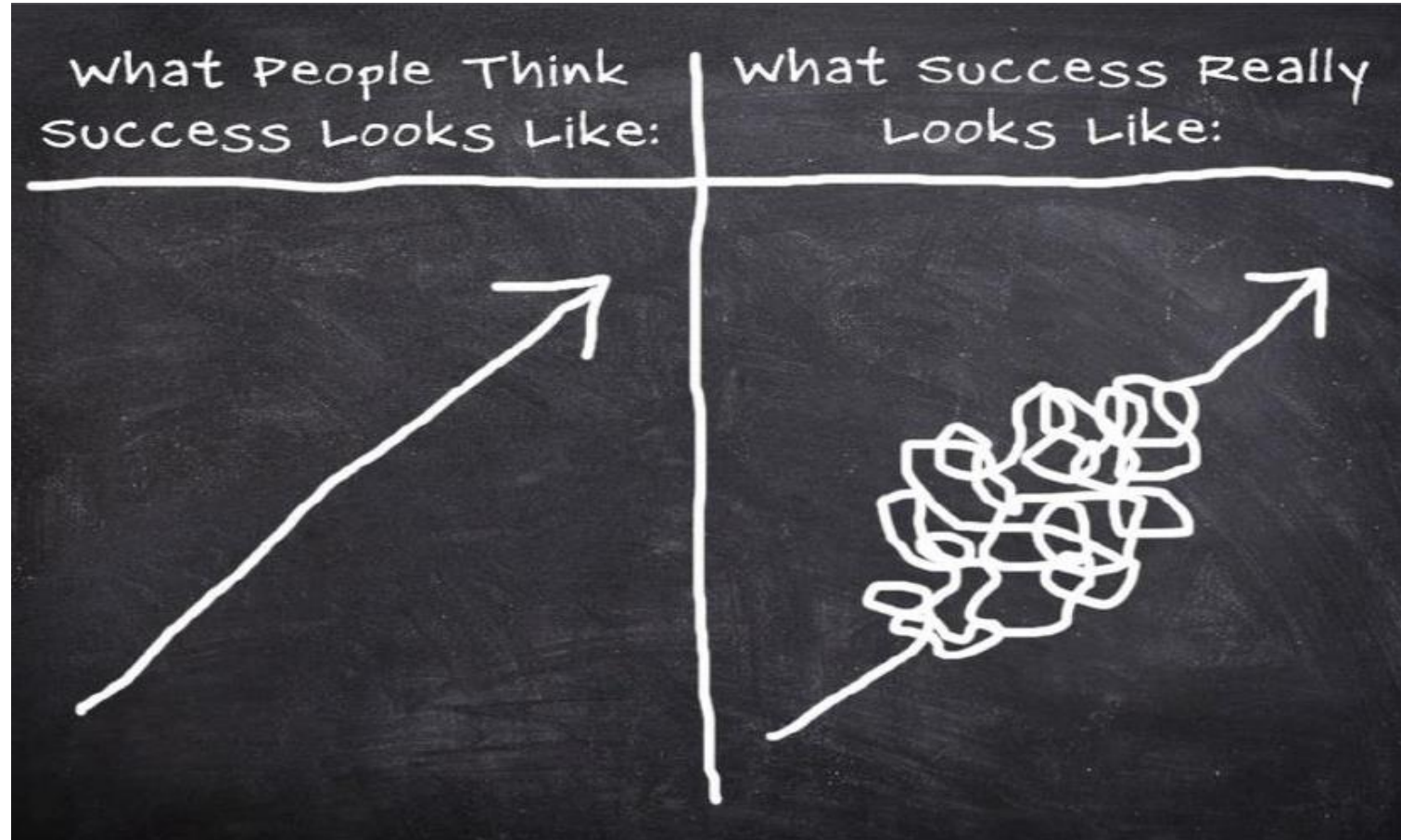
- DON'T catastrophise. Ask for help if you are unsure. Don't let it fester. We are here to support you.
- DON'T avoid things. If there's an issue, 'burying your head in the sand' will only make things worse.
- DON'T wait. Tackle things early. Your plans for after Sixth Form? Start making them now...it will make the end of your year (and Year 13!) much more straightforward and less stressful.
- DON'T spend too many hours working in your part-time job, we recommend a maximum of 10 hours per week.

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A few other bits

- Dress code – smart/casual dress that is appropriate for a professional, learning environment
- Sixth Form Bulletin each term – share information and celebrate success
- ClassCharts – parent/carer login. Contact tutors for any questions
- Home Study – reviewed each half term
- Exams Access Arrangements, any questions relating to SEND or medical – contact Mr L Parfitt through the main office email.
- Lanyards – crucial part of safeguarding everyone
- Driving lessons must be arranged so they do not impact taught lessons, including tutor time

Success!



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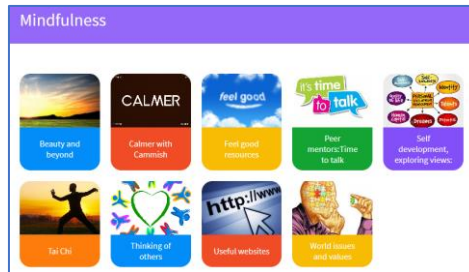
Where to find support



[Wellbeing — The Kings Academy \(fireflycloud.net\)](http://fireflycloud.net)

[Mindfulness — The Kings Academy \(fireflycloud.net\)](http://fireflycloud.net)

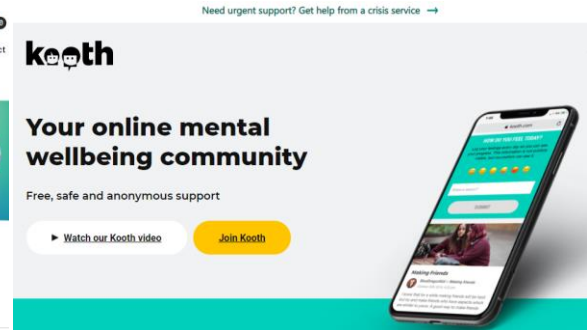
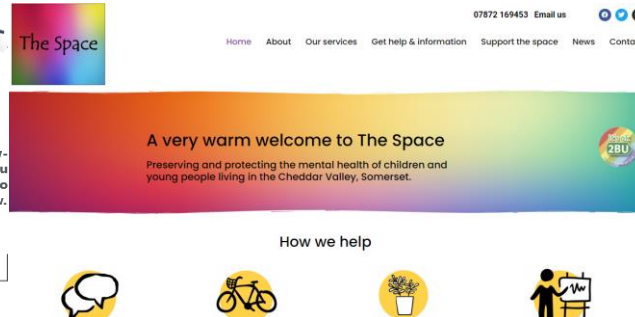
Your tutors – Your teachers
Your Heads of House
Miss Wright, Miss Knightley
Any of Learning Support Team



IT'S OK 2BU WE'RE HERE TO GIVE YOU **ADVICE & SUPPORT**
Youth support services for LGBTQ+ young people in Somerset



SUPPORT – Young Somerset – Well being practitioners



They support young people aged 5-18 with their mental health. They help with things like low-mood, anxiety, stress, phobias, sleep-problems, OCD and other mental health difficulties. You don't need a diagnosis or even be sure that you have a difficulty to get in touch. They aim to provide early help for milder difficulties and focus on one specific problem in the here and now. They are trained to work with a variety mental health issues:

- [Low-Mood/depression](#)
- [Anxiety](#)
- [OCD](#)
- [Panic](#)
- [Phobia](#)
- [Sleep Problems](#)
- [Stress Management](#)

You are welcome to contact us by email: wellbeing@youngsomerset.org.uk if you have an enquiry, question or would like a call back. (please leave a number and good time to reach you).

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Mentoring and Assessment

- Progress reports from subject staff in Year 12
 - Grade review - published 13 November 2023
 - Parents' Evening – Thurs 21 March 2024
 - Y12 assessments – w/c Mon 6 May 2024
- Mentoring – reviewed after each data collection
 - Subject mentoring
 - Tutor mentoring
 - Sixth Form Team mentoring
- Referrals to support in school
- Signposting support out of school
- Contact home

Assessments

- Mixture of exams and coursework for practical A Level subjects
- BTEC Diploma assessed throughout through portfolio work with external examination in Year 12 May or Year 13 May
- Year 12 assessment week – w/c 16 October
- Year 12 PPEs – w/c 6 May 2024

Criminology and Law



- **Year 12 Criminology**

Unit 1, 25%

Monday 8 January – 4 hours

Wednesday 10 January – 4 hours

Unit 2 external exam, 25%

Thursday 16 May

- **Year 12 Law**

Unit 1 25% of final grade

Part A pre-release 11 December


External exam: 12 January 1hr 30m


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Bursary

- The Sixth Form Bursary Fund is money that the government has given to schools to give to disadvantaged students. Its purpose is to provide financial support to help students overcome specific barriers to participation, so they can remain in education. Any student whose total household income is less than £30,000 per annum may be eligible for a bursary in order to help them access their post-16 education. (www.kowessex.co.uk → Sixth form → Sixth form documents)

Financial Support

 Kings' Sixth Form Bursary Information

 Kings' Sixth Form Bursary Application Form

Academy website → Sixth Form Documents → Financial Support