



23 October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

As the end of the first half term draws to a close, my thanks to you for ensuring your child is equipped and ready to learn. We communicated the expectations around equipment and school bags before the start of the academic year and this drive had a significantly positive impact on the learning environment in school. Half term offers an opportunity to check those resources to see if any items need replenishing. An equipment list is available on the school website [here](#).

### Attendance

Thank you again for ensuring your child attends school on time every day. Viruses and infections are inevitable but let us work together to ensure students miss less learning through absence. Every day in school counts, every lesson missed is learning to recap. Where appropriate, please send your child into school to reduce the gaps in learning. If you feel your child has any barriers to learning affecting attendance that we would benefit from understanding better, please contact your child's tutor. For further details about our approach to attendance please see our website [Kings Academy](#).

### Sixth Form Applications

Our application process for Kings Sixth is now open and we would encourage all students to guarantee their place with us. As we communicated during our busy Sixth Form Open Evening, there is a pathway for all students at Kings and the earlier the application, the sooner we can check our offer meets the needs of all students. You can find the link to the application form [here](#).

### Year 11 Revision

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us for the Preparation for Success Evening. This evening was an opportunity for students and their families to understand how to revise effectively and what support you can offer at home. The slides from this evening will be shared in our weekly bulletin. As Pre-Public Examinations will begin after half term, we hope you have everything you need to help your child to structure and prioritise their revision as well as several helpful tips regarding the most effective ways to revise. This is Year 11 students first opportunity to show their progress. In this final week before the break, class teachers will be providing key information and revision materials to support their revision. Please refer to Bromcom to see the detail of this content. Year 9 and Year 10 students will find guidance on homework, which includes support with organising time, on the school website [here](#).

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### Year 13 PPEs

Year 13 is currently finalising their applications for UCAS as well as preparing for their PPEs. This is a busy time for students, and we are working with the year group to provide support and guidance. Year 13 is now well versed in effective revision but if you have concerns about your child's revision, please contact their tutor. We have been very impressed with their work ethic and hope they all see the PPEs as a chance to show us the progress they have made.

### Years 10 and 12 Work Experience

Having experienced the fantastic Careers Fair in October, and gathered vital information about next steps, careers and pathways, October half term is a good opportunity to begin to pursue Work Experience placements. Ms Devlin is available to support students and will continue to work with students across the academic year.

### Enrichment

This term has seen a wealth of enrichment activities as I document in my weekly update in the Bulletin every Friday. We have placed particular emphasis this term on Student Leadership opportunities, and it has been wonderful to see so many of our students stepping up to take responsibility as a leader, bringing value to our school. From Student Ambassadors to Rising Stars, to choreographing Grease and designing the set, to supporting reading, to public speaking – students have taken the opportunity to show us what skills they bring to the school community.

We have also launched our Fun Friday House Events – a way for students to earn House points through activities such as quizzes, competitions, sports events and innovation quests. Well done to all students who have represented their House this term and become involved. Your contribution will make a difference!

Finally, well done to all students who received awards in the half term Celebration Assemblies. It has been fantastic to celebrate a range of successes at the end of the term; to identify those students who work hard and make good choices every day. My congratulations also extend to Year 9 and Year 12 students for completing their first half term. We look forward to seeing all students return to the Academy on Monday 3 November 2025. I hope you enjoy a well-deserved break over half term.

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Yours sincerely

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