



29 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Preparing for Success and Next Steps

The information below is for current Year 11 students, their parents and carers, regarding upcoming events and opportunities to prepare, inform and support students in this important school year.

Year 11 Mentoring and Revision Sessions Autumn Term

Each Year 11 student has been assigned a mentor and they will meet with students once every half term in Year 11 to support students with prioritising and planning their work schedule; identifying and overcoming barriers to learning; understanding the expectations and support available around revision and exam preparation; and getting the most from their lessons and revision sessions. Year 11 Revision Sessions run in three rounds across the year and Round 1 commenced on Monday 15 September 2025 and will run until Friday 5 December 2025. Students will be invited by their subject teachers to attend revision sessions. The schedule of lunch time and after school revision sessions is linked each week on the parent bulletin. Please click [here](#) to find the Round 1 schedule.

Focus Day 1 – Wednesday 8 October 2025

This unique day provides students with the opportunity to learn and explore topics beyond the usual taught curriculum. Year 11 will focus on post-16 pathways and options at Kings Sixth. Their bespoke programme will include:

- A taster lesson of an A-level and Vocational subject.
- Information on post-16 pathways and qualifications.
- Guidance on how to make informed decisions about next year.
- A question and answer session with our current Sixth Form students about life post-16.
- Revision strategies delivered by our Sixth Form students, based on our Kings Sixth Revision strategy.

Year 11 Preparation for Success Presentation – Wednesday 15 October 2025 - Talk at 5.30pm in the Kings Theatre

The purpose of the Preparation for Success evening is to provide advice on how you can best support your child with their revision in the run up to the Pre-Public Exams (mocks) in November 2025 and the Public Exams in May and June 2026. The Preparation for Success talk will be at 5.30pm. This is the same evening as the Kings' Sixth Open Evening, and this talk is focused on Year 11.

The talk will include a focus on revision techniques and resources. Alongside general advice there will be some subject specific revision information from core subjects, English, Maths and Science. We will also cover techniques for managing time and how students can look after their wellbeing during an intense period. At the end of the presentation there will be the opportunity to ask questions.

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Kings' Sixth Open Evening – Wednesday 15 October 2025 6.00pm – 8.00pm - Headteacher's Talk at 6.15pm

We would like to invite you and your child to Kings' Sixth Open Evening on Wednesday 15 October. This will take place on the same evening as Year 11 Preparation for Success Evening with a talk from the Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form in the Hall at 6.15pm.

This event is an excellent opportunity to explore what makes Kings' Sixth Form such a supportive and ambitious environment, and to see how we can help every student unlock their potential.

What to expect:

- Meet our inspiring teachers who are passionate about your success
- Explore our outstanding facilities and Sixth Form Centre
- Learn about our wide range of A-level and vocational subjects
- Chat with current students about their experience
- Discover university pathways and career opportunities
- Find out about our exceptional support systems that help every student thrive

Year 11 Futures Meetings and Careers Fair

All Year 11 students will be offered the opportunity to discuss their current thinking on their next steps and signpost events to find out further information. Kings' Careers Fair will be held on Wednesday 15 October 2025 and all students will be given the opportunity to attend during the school day. Over 40 employers and providers from the local area will be present. It is a great opportunity to ask questions and find out about apprenticeships, employment and training courses. There will be further opportunities to find out about pathways as we move through the year and support to help make applications. A Letter from the Careers Hub is also attached providing resources and information.

Kings Sixth Taster Day – Wednesday 22 October 2025

After the Open Evening, students will be invited to spend a day experiencing life as a Kings' Sixth student. On this day, they will not follow their usual timetable. Instead, each student will receive a personalised Kings' Sixth timetable and take part in up to three taster sessions in subjects they have chosen.

These sessions will run during the normal school day and form part of our wider programme to showcase Kings' Sixth and the opportunities available after Year 11. Students in Year 11 may attend in non-school uniform for this event. Applications for Kings Sixth will open on Thursday 23 October.

Year 11 PPEs – Wednesday 5 November 2025 to Friday 14 November 2025

PPEs are internal examinations set by subject teachers. These exams use exam board assessment materials and mark-schemes and give students a very authentic experience of sitting examinations which will be excellent preparation for the public examinations. These exams also give students and their teachers valuable information about their current level of performance, their strengths and those areas which they still need to develop to achieve their full potential. Furthermore, in some subject areas, the results from these PPEs

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will be used to help confirm students' tiers of entry for the Summer examinations. The results do not count towards the final grading of qualifications. If students spend time systematically revising and putting in their best effort, these exams will be a fantastic opportunity to build confidence and momentum towards success at the end of Year 11. Student timetables and the content covered will be communicated in the coming.

Year 11 Parents' Evening – Thursday 11 December 2025 - 4.00pm – 7.00pm

Parents' evening will be held in the Academy on Thursday 11 December 2025. We look forward to welcoming you. Further details on how to make appointments and attending will follow in due course.

If you have any questions, please contact your student's tutor or the office in the first instance. If the question is regarding mentoring, please send marked FAO Learning Mentor.

Yours sincerely

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