



19 December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of the Autumn term and look forward to the Christmas break, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout a busy and productive term. Our students have worked with energy, resilience and enthusiasm, and we are very proud of everything they have achieved.

We would also like to extend a sincere thank you to you, our parents and carers, for your ongoing support in ensuring your child attends school each day wearing the correct uniform and equipped for learning. Your consistency at home helps us maintain high standards in school, and it has a significant impact on students' readiness, confidence and overall success.

For our Year 11 and Year 13 students, this point in the academic year marks the halfway stage in their exam courses. From January onwards, the pace and expectations naturally increase as we move closer to the Summer exam season. Establishing strong revision habits now, routine study time, organised notes, and regular review of topics will be crucial in setting them up for confidence and success in the months ahead. We appreciate your support in encouraging these positive habits at home.

This term has been filled with academic progress, extracurricular successes and moments that reflect the strength of our school community. From classroom learning to sporting fixtures, trips and charity events, our students have shown commitment, kindness and a willingness to get involved. We are grateful to you for encouraging them and helping to make these opportunities possible.

This week has been a particular highlight. It was wonderful to recognise the hard work, progress and character shown by so many of our students. Whether receiving awards for academic achievement, excellent attendance, outstanding effort, attitude to learning or contribution to the school community, each student recognised has demonstrated qualities that reflect the very best of our Academy. The House Championship end of term count has paid tribute to those students who do the right thing every day. This takes energy, stamina and determination and to those students our message is – keep going! We hope they feel proud of their achievements; our whole community certainly is.

Our wonderful Sixth Form students took some time to congratulate themselves after an outstanding Charities Week with a trip to Cribbs Causeway to partake in some last-minute Christmas shopping.

It was a pleasure to see our musicians representing the Academy at Wells Cathedral last week and then again for the Christmas Concert in association with Fairlands and Hugh Sexey Middle School. I am always impressed by individuals who want to share their talent and hard work with the world, spreading the

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Christmas spirit through their music. We also saw this in abundance through the wonderful Church services in the final week of term. Well done to all students involved.

I would also like to extend my thanks to our staff, who work tirelessly to ensure every young person feels supported, challenged and valued. Their dedication has been evident throughout the term, and we are fortunate to have such a passionate team.

I would like to take the opportunity to reassure the Kings community about toilet use. We have seen an increase in students asking to leave lessons to use the toilet over recent weeks. This causes a loss of learning time and disruption to lessons. For clarity, students can go to the toilet during the lesson in emergency situations and a member of the pastoral team will collect them to ensure our safeguarding procedures are met. Equally, students can go to the toilet during lesson changeover, during break and lunch and before and after school. Students with a medical card will continue to use the same process they have always used. We want our students to be comfortable and go when they need to but similarly are careful to identify when this starts to become a pattern. For example, if students are out of lessons multiple times per day and taking a long time to return, this would raise concern about potential medical issues or truancy. I have appreciated the parents and carers who have taken the time to speak to members of the team directly about this as this is always the most appropriate way to resolve your concerns.

We wish Mrs Armitstead and Mrs Fryer a fond farewell as they begin the next exciting chapter of their journey. We thank them both for their service to Kings Academy and wish them all the best in their endeavours. We look forward to welcoming Mr Dodge to the Humanities Team in February.

As we enter the festive season, I hope your families enjoy a well-deserved rest and the chance to spend time together.

We recognise that this festival may provide challenges to families and I wanted to take the opportunity to remind you of the support families can continue to receive over the festive period [SUPPORT – What support is there and where to find it.](#)

We wish all our students a peaceful Christmas break and look forward to welcoming them back, refreshed and ready for the new term on Monday 5 January 2026.

On behalf of everyone at Kings Academy, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Yours sincerely

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