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11 September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Term 1 – Return to school

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family well, and I hope that you have had an enjoyable and restful Summer.

It has been a real pleasure to welcome our students back to Kings for the new academic year, and I am delighted to say that we have made a positive start to the new term. It was particularly lovely to see everyone during my first set of assemblies of the year. The energy, enthusiasm and positivity of our students was wonderful to see and gave me a real sense of excitement about the year ahead.

May I also wish a very warm welcome to our new Year 9 and Year 12 students. I hope that you have already begun to feel part of the Kings community and are looking forward to all that the year ahead will bring. I would also like to welcome back all our returning students and wish every one of them a successful and enjoyable year.

It has been a real privilege to return to Kings as Headteacher. At the end of last academic year and over the Summer, I have been very focused on steadying the ship, ensuring that we have the right systems and structures in place, and, most importantly, reaffirming the very high expectations that we have for every member of our school community. I have been hugely encouraged by the start we have made, and I would like to thank parents and carers for the many kind words, messages and positive communications I have received since my return. They have genuinely meant a great deal to me.

There has also been considerable work taking place behind the scenes over the Summer. We have invested significant time and resources in continuing to develop and improve our school facilities, ensuring that Kings remains a welcoming, inspiring and high-quality environment in which our students can learn, grow and thrive. This work will continue throughout the year, as we look at further ways to improve the experience we provide for our students.

We are also excited to continue our journey as a UNICEF Rights Respecting School. Having achieved our Silver Award three years ago, we are now working towards Gold Accreditation. This is an important part of our commitment to ensuring that our students understand their rights and responsibilities, respect the rights of others and play an active role in our school community. I look forward to sharing more about this work with you as the year progresses.

Last night, we had the pleasure of celebrating the achievements of our students at our Annual Awards Evening. It was a wonderful occasion and a fantastic opportunity to recognise the hard work, commitment, talent and successes of so many of our young people over the past academic year. Moments such as these are a very important part of school life, and I very much look forward to creating many more opportunities for us to celebrate the achievements of our students together throughout the year.

As part of our continued focus on providing the very best experience for our students, I am also pleased to welcome Mr Dave Truan to our Leadership Team this year as our new Deputy Headteacher, with specific responsibility for

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Behaviour and Attitudes. Communication from Mr Truan, which accompanies this letter, provides further information about the work we are undertaking in this important area and a reminder of our expectations.

There is much to look forward to this academic year. Our ambition is clear: we want Kings to be the very best school it can possibly be, and for every student to leave us having achieved more than they thought possible. Achieving this requires high expectations, hard work and a strong partnership between school, students and parents/carers.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I look forward to working with you throughout the year and to sharing many more of our students' successes and achievements with you.

Yours sincerely

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