



King's Academy
Brune Park

Parent Newsletter

Friday 20th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been really pleased with how well our students are getting it right in their uniform and in having the right equipment with them. We are committed to raising the standards at King's Academy Brune Park and our uniform is an aspect of achieving this. It has been so pleasing to welcome members of the King's Academy Improvement Team to KABP this week and to hear them commenting on how smart and ready to learn our students are. Thank you for all of your support in ensuring your child(ren) has the right uniform in line with our policy (this is on our website and a summary is included later in this letter) and the right equipment.

As well as getting it right in their uniform our students have also been getting it right in their learning. The lessons I have visited this week have included students seeking additional challenges in their learning and meeting our expectations for getting it right in their learning by taking pride in their presentation and trying their best.

I have had the pleasure of interviewing Year II students for the role of student headship this week. This role is crucially important; these student leaders provide a voice for other students, represent our school at events and with visitors and support me to find solutions to issues that arise. I am looking forward to meeting with them for breakfast next week to announce the roles. I was so proud of the aspiration, determination and commitment demonstrated by all of the candidates.

Kerry Payne
Headteacher



Celebration Friday:

Happy Celebration Friday!

Well done to every single student nominated this week, all for different reasons ranging from classroom achievements, to speaking in our safeguarding assemblies and starting the new school year with a positive attitude to learning!

Year Group News:

Year 7:

Starting Year 7 is an exciting time for students as they begin their journey into secondary school. With a fresh start, they have the opportunity to make new friends and settle into a supportive school community.

Our year 7's have been looking smart in their new uniforms and their enthusiasm has been reflected in the numerous "Getting it right points" that they have earned. This positive attitude has set the foundation for a great school year full of learning and personal growth.

New experiences, which students have been sharing with the year office, have included testing materials in science, swimming and baking healthy muffins.

As well as focussing on "Getting it right now, getting it right for our future," we are concentrating on tolerance and kindness and are really looking forward to the year ahead.

Science Revision guide for Year 7:

Mrs Cooper has put a revision guide together for you the page numbers above refer to the CGP Key Stage 3 Science Revision Guide (Higher Level) available on ScoPay, until you get to Easter then it refers to the AQA Combined Science KS4 Revision guide.

The same revision guide is used for Year 7, 8 and 9 but we will direct you to certain pages per Year group.

[Link to your revision guide](#)

Year Group News:

Year 8:

Welcome back to Year 8!

What a start the Year 8's have made to the term! The Year Group are looking extremely smart in their new uniform. They are also leading the way across the school for attendance. We are hoping this can continue throughout the year ahead.

We also see the start of an exciting opportunity for our pupils to participate in 'Student Reception'. This will provide a sense of responsibility and improve communication skills. It also helps them build confidence by interacting with staff members and visitors to the school, while giving them a sense of ownership and contribution to their school community.

As always our Year Group slogans remain 'Put kindness first always' and 'Never get bored of getting it right'

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Year 9:

Year 9 are continuing with our Year Group Ethos of "Kindness above everything". While we prepare to select our options, attendance to lessons is a massive focus for our Year Group. This, coupled with some future tutor time sessions around careers will support Year 9 in choosing the best options to enable success. Currently, we are aiming high for attendance. This will be a large focus for Year 9 this term, supported by tutors, the Year Office and the Attendance team. The Year Office has had the pleasure of walking into several lessons where the environment promotes learning and a culture of kindness. We will continue to support Year 9 striving for excellence in their attitudes, grades, attendance and uniform with support from parents/guardians, tutors and of course, us, in the Year Office.

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Year 10:

As the new Head of Year 10 I wanted to say what a great start it has been to the term. Our students are showing their high expectations with uniforms, lates and attendance all improving. They received an assembly on raising aspirations and setting the bar high.

B= Behaviour - Ensuring that students are following the high expectations set.

A= Attitude - Aspiring to be the best version of themselves

R= Relationships - Working together with the school and home to ensure that they can achieve their aspirations.

Students have shown resilience as they figure their way through a new timetable, teachers, and option subjects. They are focussed on their learning journey ahead and want to do well. Credit to them all. It has been a pleasure visiting classes and seeing students focused and KS4 ready.

This is an incredibly important year as the students focus on their GCSE courses, some students keen to start revision and look beyond their journey of Kings Academy Brune Park. Our tutor programme for the year group incorporates well-being support and a robust programme of science revision sessions led by our experienced tutors. These bitesize sessions will support the students alongside the start of the GCSE science courses.

Mrs Joynson



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Year II:

What a fantastic start to the year our year II's have made. The year group has returned from their summer break enthused and ready for the challenges of the last year at King's Academy Brune Park. I have been visiting many lessons and I am impressed with their positive attitude, it looks like the students have acted upon last year's message of, "progress not perfection". At the start of the year, many pupils attended the year 10 reward trip to Thorpe park. This trip was organised to recognise those pupils with:

- 92% and above attendance
- 60 positive behaviour points or more
- No serious sanctions

The students had an amazing day. Some pupils managed to get on 16 rides and went on Hyperia four times!!! Our year group phrase for this year is "Hard work, works." Therefore, we are encouraging the students to start revision now. The year group is currently revising English or Maths during tutor time to help cement their knowledge and understanding of these curriculum areas. An after-school revision timetable will be sent out shortly.

Attendance is looking better this year but it is vital that our year II's are in everyday, we were the best attending year group in the first week, this has slipped and we want to regain our top position.

The prefects have been selected. We are proud of our amazing prefect team, which is ready to support the school and the local community. Our vision for the perfect team is to drive improvements to the school environment and help support the younger students. In addition, Miss Payne has started to meet and interview students who have applied to be part of the school's Student headship team.

Finally we have started to plan and organise this year's prom, the details will be sent out shortly. The students and I are very excited about this. I can not wait to celebrate with them, as I know they have the potential to be the best year group the school has ever had.

Mr Cole



King's Academy
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Open Evening

New Year 7 (September 2025)

Thursday 26th September
4.30pm – 7pm

- Join us to explore what King's Academy Brune Park has to offer, including opportunities to view our uniform, meet staff from various departments and meet our School Leadership.
- Headteacher, Miss Payne will give talks at 4:30pm, 5:30pm, and 6:30pm.
- This is a great chance for families to learn about our values, ethos, and what makes our school a special place to consider for September 2025.

If your son or daughter wishes to help out with this event please ask them to collect a form from their tutor on Monday next week.

Finance:

The Finance Team will be available to all students at Break 1 and Break 2. We are located in the Year 7 & 8 Year office.

Please come and see us if you need to add money to your Footlights account make trip payments, purchase or collection of ordered pencil cases and calculators.

Please remember that this is a working office, please wait quietly.

Uniform:

The majority of students are now in full correct uniform and we are so proud of everyone looking smart and ready to learn.

We would also like to thank parents and carers for working with us to resolve any issues with uniform, so that everyone can be at school getting it right in full uniform.

The next two pages are the uniform expectations as previously shared, with added details to answer some queries we have been receiving.

If you have any further queries about what is expected and what is not acceptable, please speak to your child's tutor in the first instance.

Please make sure your child's blazer is named!

Print and Sew Station on Stoke Road are the suppliers for Kings Academy Brune Park school uniform, but did you know that you can also purchase non-branded items from them? [Link to KABP plain uniform](#)

Girls trousers meet our uniform expectations and are available in sizes 22"-40" and three lengths.



Uniform - getting it right by wearing it properly in years 7-10

- **Blazer:** All students in Year 7-10 are required to wear a KABP school blazer.
- **Shirt & Tie:** Students must wear a plain white shirt with a KABP house tie.
- **Trousers:** These should be black, full-length, smart and tailored in a material appropriate for school-wear. Suitable trousers should have a waistband, side seam and pockets.

Stretch jersey, lightweight cotton, jeans style, skinny, leggings or fashionable trousers are NOT acceptable.

These are examples of smart tailored trousers:



- **Skirt:** King's Academy Brune Park tartan skirt to be worn on or below the knee in years 7-10.
- **Jumper:** Pupils in Year 7-10 are able to wear a plain grey v neck jumper. This is to be worn underneath the blazer if required, but never instead of it. This is not a requirement.

Old Brune Park jumpers are not acceptable

- **Shoes:** School shoes or boots should be plain black and flat. They must be leather or leather like (capable of being polished). Canvas or mesh shoes/trainers are not permitted. Toeless or backless shoes, suede and logos are not allowed at school. Thick soled, biker style are not permitted.
- **Socks:** PLAIN BLACK SOCKS ONLY. No logos. No thick fluffy socks or leg warmers.
- **Jewellery:** One silver or gold ear stud per ear, one small silver or gold nose stud. Necklaces, bracelets and rings are not allowed.
- **Hair/ nails:** No extreme hairstyles or colours. No coloured nails, false nails, gels or acrylics.



Uniform - getting it right by wearing it properly in year II

- **Shirt & Tie:** Students must wear a plain white shirt with a KABP or Brune Park tie.
- **Trousers:** These should be black, full-length, smart and a material appropriate for school-wear. **Suitable trousers should have a waistband, side seam and pockets.**

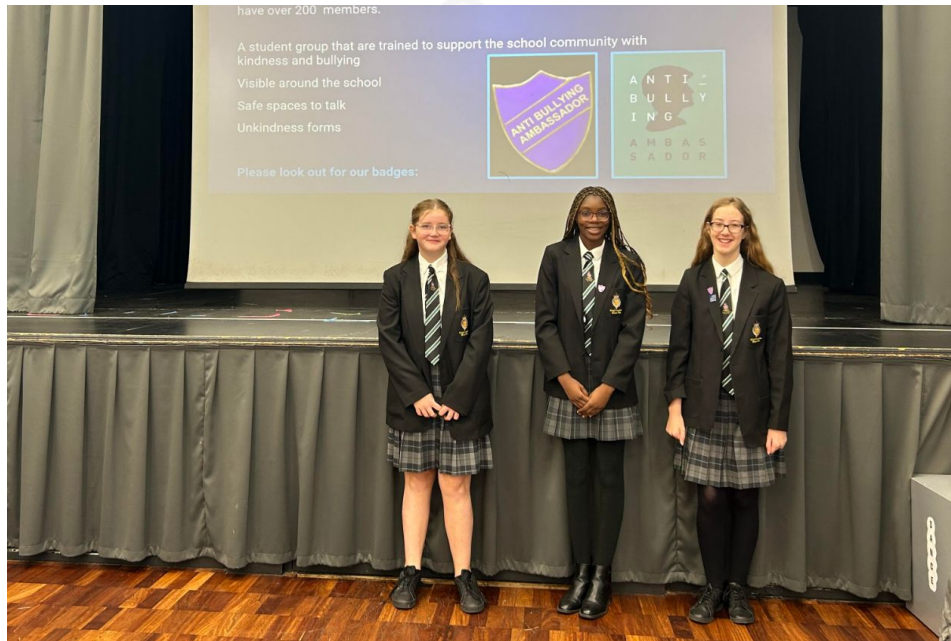
Stretch jersey, lightweight cotton, jeans style, or **leggings are NOT acceptable.**

- **Skirt:** Year II may wear a black skirt but it must be on or below the knee.
- **Jumper:** Year II may wear their black Brune Park V neck jumper.
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Safeguarding:

This week marked the start of our safeguarding assemblies. The message was clear. We are committed to making KABP a happy and safe place, where students thrive. I was joined by some of the Anti Bullying Ambassadors to share this message. They are running drop-ins in T003 on a Monday and Wednesday break 1 and a Friday break 2, supported by Ms Endell.



In order for us to ensure we continue to be a happy and safe school we must be proactive in our approach to tackling derogatory language. This is one of the reasons we are partnering with Stop Hate UK this year, who will be joining us during November to run workshops with our students



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Breakfast Club:

KABP breakfast club is free for all students. We open daily from 7.45am and provide a range of cereals and bagels with a variety of toppings.

Our breakfast club allows pupils to get a positive start to their day, meet other pupils in school and check in with trusted adults from our inclusion team.



FREE

KING'S ACADEMY

Brune Park
BREAKFAST

OPEN FROM 7.45AM

EVERY MORNING | MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Rookie Lifeguard:

An alternative class for those who just love the water. You must be 8+, able to swim 50 metres competently on your front and back and can tread water for at least 30 seconds.

There is a small upfront cost of £30.00 per term. Course runs for 30 weeks over the academic year. Term time only.



STARTING 3RD OCTOBER 2024

THURSDAYS 5.00 to 5.45pm

KGA BRUNE PARK



**SCAN QR CODE
to register your interest**



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