



King's Academy
Brune Park

Parent Newsletter

Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another week full of opportunities and success for our students and community. Having spent the start of term re-establishing expectations, supporting students to settle into school life and learn our new timetables I am really pleased to see how well so many of our students are now thriving in their learning and relationships with peers. Visiting lessons regularly is a key part of my role in school, offering support and ensuring we are making the right decisions about what we need to do to improve. I have really enjoyed seeing PE, where students were learning the rules of rugby; Year 11 tutor maths revision all about angles; Year 10 maths where students were applying what they had learned to more complex problems and Year 7 English students were really excited about a new unit of learning. I have also been really pleased to see the positive attitude and superb behaviour of Year 9 in their CAT tests this week - although not smiling throughout they did remain positive and resilient.

This week we have started our work with the Jon Egging Trust

<https://www.joneggingtrust.org.uk/programmes/> to support a group of our Year 8 students. We are really excited to be part of this project and cannot wait to see the impact of this work. Our science team are leading the way in this project and I know they will keep you updated about the progress.

As the weather changes and the temperatures start to drop it is imperative that every student has a coat with them in school. Please note this is not to be worn instead of a blazer but to be worn over their blazer. It is also important that all students understand that outdoor clothing including hats, gloves and scarves are to be removed on entry. Please support your child to get it right by reminding them of our expectations.

Kind regards,
Kerry Payne
Headteacher



Parent/ Carer views survey :

We've made a lot of improvements at **Kings Academy Brune Park** over the last few years! We've made many things better—like our teaching, the behaviour for learning, and the wellbeing of students.

We want to know what **you** think about these changes and what you think we could **still do better** . Your ideas are really important to us so we can keep making the school great for your child.

Please click the link below to answer a few quick questions in our survey. If you have **more than one child** at the school right now, please fill out the survey **once for each child** you have here. Thank you for helping us!

<https://forms.gle/Bi6F5qJwmwojKrMb9>

Also on our website <https://kgabrunepark.uk/>



Refurbished Bike Donation :

We would like to thank GC Bikes for the kind donation of refurbished bikes for two of our students to use for travel to and from school.

The students were thrilled with their bikes and the extra goodies that came with them.



Attendance :

The Link Between Presence and Progress

We often talk about attendance in terms of percentages, but what those numbers really represent is opportunity.

- **Every lesson matters.** When a student is absent, they don't just miss a lesson; they miss the key building block for the next. That gap in knowledge grows, and by the time they reach their critical GCSE years, even a seemingly small dip in attendance can have a dramatic impact on their final outcomes.
- **The Cost of Absences:** A student with 90% attendance misses nearly four full weeks of learning per year. That's a huge disadvantage we simply don't want any of our children to face.

Our core goal is to ensure every student has the best possible pathway to their future, and that pathway starts right here, in every classroom.

We were also fortunate this week to discuss this crucial impact at the Year 11 Routes to Success evening, demonstrating clearly how attendance directly affects their examination outcomes.

Celebrating Our September Attendance Heroes! 🌟

We are thrilled to celebrate the success of our **100% Attendance Challenge** for the month of September!

- A fantastic 65 pupils attended school every day for the entire month—that's 52% of our pupils!
- They all received a well-deserved reward: either a fast pass or a sweet treat from Footlights.

The challenge continues for the Half Term 1 100% Attendance Challenge! With only three weeks left to go, let's keep working together to ensure every child is in class, on time, every day.

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Behaviour :

Positive Points Update 🎉

Another brilliant week! We've now passed **83,000 positive points** since the start of the year. **Year 7** are still out in front, but the gap is closing and there's a new runner-up—**Year 10** have moved into **second place**.

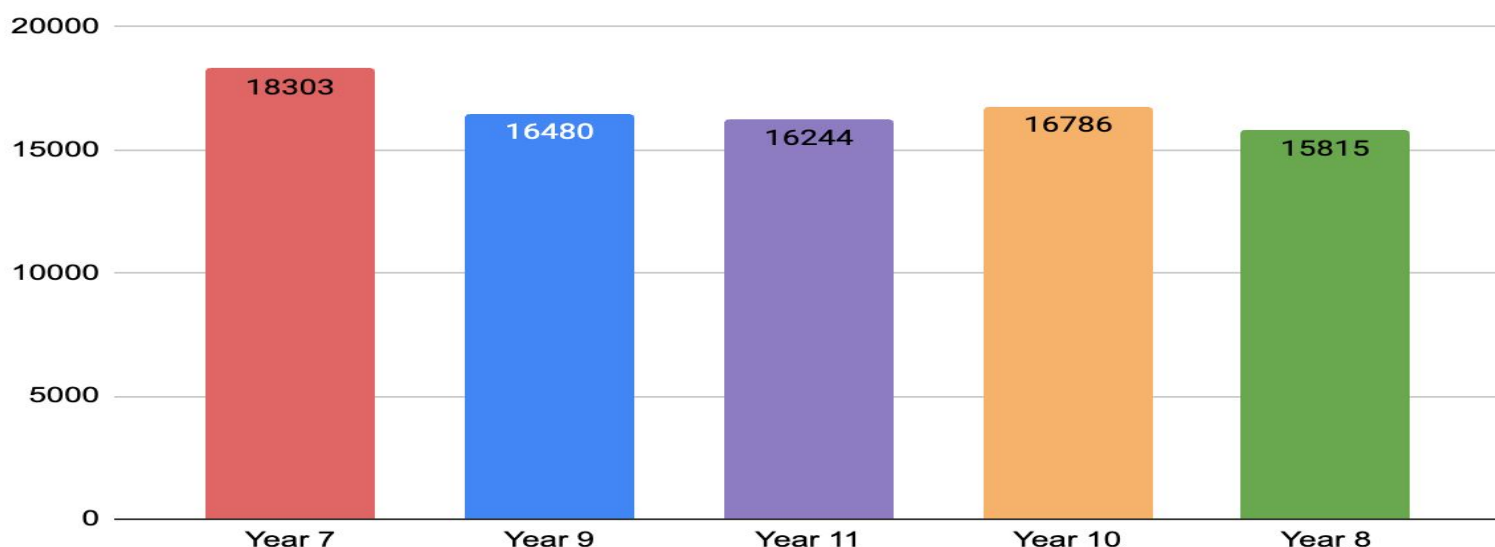
Keep the momentum going—every act of kindness, effort and focus counts. Who's taking the top spot next week? 🙌🙌



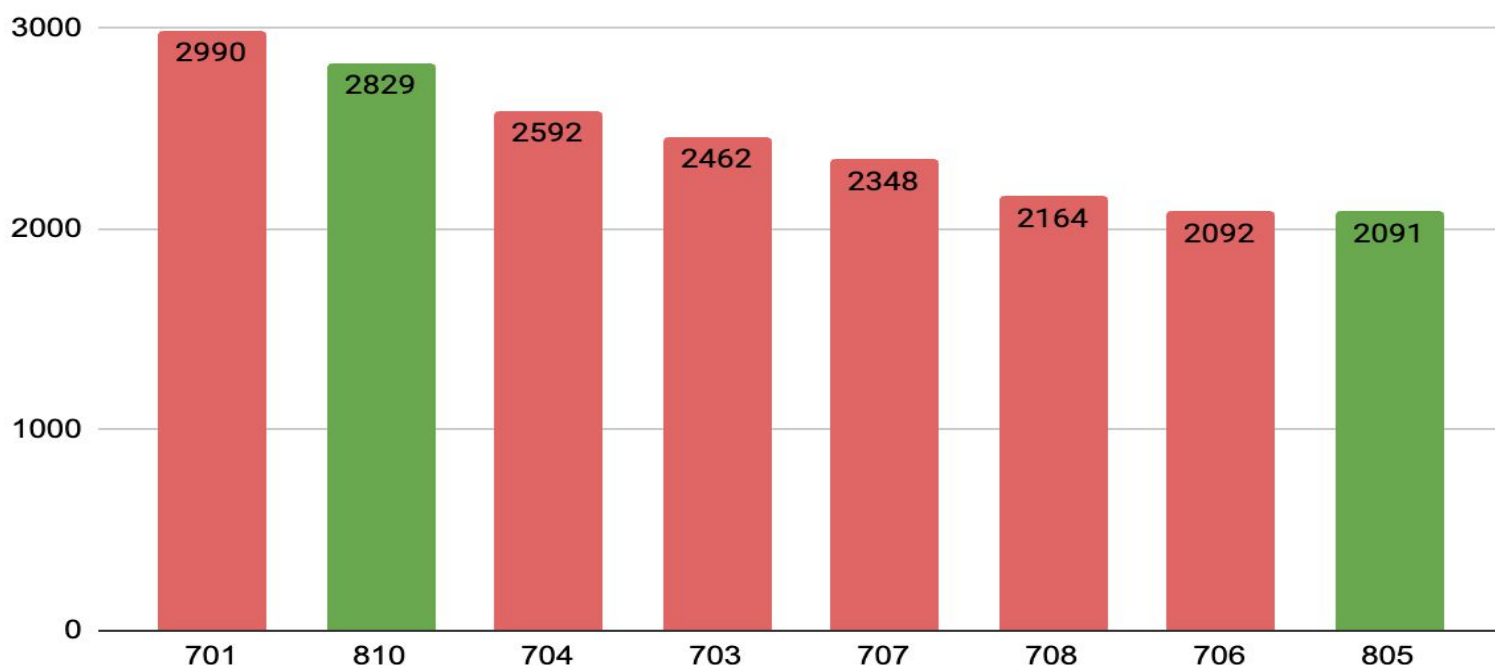
Positive points total

83760

Positive points per Year Group



Positive point by Tutor Group



Teaching & Learning :

Celebrating Student Work in Our Teaching and Learning Clinic

This week, our staff participated in a productive **Teaching and Learning Clinic** , with a focus on celebrating and enhancing the quality of student work across **King's Academy Brune Park** .

Every teacher brought examples of student books and folders to the clinic. This was a valuable opportunity for all staff to collectively look at the **quality of student work** being produced in different subjects, share best practices, and set clear, high expectations.

Our discussions centred on three key areas:

1. **Work Quality:** We reviewed the depth of student understanding and the rigor of the tasks set.
2. **Effective Feedback:** We explored various methods for providing timely, specific, and impactful feedback that genuinely helps students improve and take their next steps in learning.
3. **Presentation Standards:** We reinforced our commitment to ensuring high standards for the presentation and organisation of work, helping students develop pride and ownership over their learning materials.

The insights gained from reviewing student books are directly feeding into our planning for the coming weeks. We are committed to ensuring every student at Brune Park is challenged, supported, and receives feedback that drives excellence.



Young Minds Fundraiser:

A reminder that King's Academy Brune Park will be taking part in Hello Yellow on Friday 10th October (World Mental Health Day) to raise awareness and funds for YoungMinds, the UK's leading charity for young people's mental health. No young person should feel alone with their mental health and that's why Hello Yellow matters. We're taking this opportunity as a school community to come together and show our students that we're with them and they're never alone with their mental health.

Students are encouraged to take part by wearing an item of yellow clothing on the 10th. It could be a yellow t-shirt, or pair of yellow socks. It's up to you.

You can also donate to support our school's fundraising by bringing £1 to school with you, or online via scopay.

Throughout the day we will be raising awareness and focusing in on our own mental health and strategies to support. This includes a tutor time activity led by the School Nursing Team. As well as all Do Nows during the day having a focus on mental health and wellbeing.

We also want to share the resources which YoungMinds offer to support parents and carers if you ever need help and advice to support your children.

This includes:

- www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/
- by phone. 9.30am-4pm 0808 802 5544
- an online chat for parents and carers to speak to trained professionals if you're concerned about your children's mental health (www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline/)



Wear it loud. Wear it proud.

This World Mental Health Day, 10th October, wear yellow and donate to YoungMinds.

Less than 1 in 3 young people are getting the support they need for their mental health. This needs to change. With your support – it can.

#HelloYellow

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Year 7 News :

Year 7 have had an excellent start to the term, with attendance already very strong – well done to everyone for their commitment. We are aiming for 95% by the end of the half term, and if we achieve this, Mr Cole will be dressing up as a fairy to celebrate!

Last Friday the students took part in their first house tournament, attendance was excellent and the competition fierce. The year 7 dodgeball winners were Monckton!!!

On Tuesday we held the football trials, where students showed great enthusiasm and teamwork. The team and upcoming matches will be announced soon, and we look forward to seeing plenty of Year 7 representing the school.

Thank you for your continued support in helping Year 7 settle in so positively.

Mr Cole, Miss Townend and Miss Demuth

Year 8 News :

A selection of Year 8 students have started their Blue Skies programme via the Jon Egging Trust. This is a 3 year programme which provides young people who face barriers to learning with long-term support and access to inspirational workplaces and professional role models. We are excited that King's Academy Brune Park has been selected for this opportunity.

A very big thank you to all the Year 8 students who volunteered for our open evening. They really were awesome in sharing their enthusiasm for their school and parents of Year 6 children were very complimentary.

Year 9 News:

CAT Tests

Year 9 have had CAT tests this week. Behaviour and attitude to the tests has been good on the whole throughout the duration of the tests.

Tutor Representatives

Congratulations to the students that have chosen to become Representatives for their tutor group. If your child has been chosen to be a Tutor Representative, please expect a letter from them asking if they could help out at the Year 10 Parents Evening next week Thursday 9th October. Please return permission letters as soon as possible so we can confirm numbers of helpers or if we require other students to help.

Extracurricular Competitive Sport

Well done to the following:

- Yr9 netball team who won against Henry Court school on Wednesday
- To 4 of our Yr9 girls who took part in the English Schools Swimming Gala.
- WALLINGTON! Inter House Dodgeball winners! 2nd Brockhurst, 3rd Gilkicker, 4th Monkton.

Lastly...

Thank you parents for supporting us on Uniform, Attendance and Behaviour.

Year 10 News:

Year 10 have been making fantastic progress with their food tech and design tech coursework.

Any approved option change requests are in the process of being changed on Arbor and will be showing on timetables next week.

The tutors will be notified of approved changes over the coming days to discuss with tutees. We look forward to seeing you all next week at parents evening and will be on hand to help with any questions or concerns. More information on how to book can be found in this weeks parent newsletter.

In assembly this week we discussed the importance of being on time to school, the AM register mark is now Tutor and not Lesson 1 meaning if your young person misses Tutor their attendance is impacted. The attendance team and year team will be working together over the coming weeks to hold interventions with students who are persistently late to school.

Year 10 Parents' Evening:

The Year 10 Parents' Evening will be taking place on Thursday 9th October between 4:00pm - 7:00pm (appointments will begin at 4:05 pm).

The booking system will open on Thursday 2nd October at 7:00 pm and close on Wednesday 8th October at 11:55 pm.

Please check your emails for further information and guidance on logging into the booking site and booking appointments.

Year 10 Parents' Evening Thursday 9th October 2025



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Post 16 Support:

For any post 16 information please refer to this link [here](#).

Advice on how to support your children to chat about Post 16 choices and where to start.

Year 11 News:

A huge congratulations to our year 11 Girls football team that beat Wildern a whopping 6-1 this week. The sun was out and it was a pleasure to take ourselves away from the classrooms and offices at the end of the school day, to see the girls play at home. I would like to mention a few names that stood out for me; Gabriella Palmer who sealed a hat trick, Maddison Matthews and our goal keeper Amy Bishop. The rest of the team were equally a huge success.

I would further like to add, that I was made aware of an incident after the match from a parent of one of the players. The year 11 boys who had supported the girls stood by the school gates and gave them a round of applause.

I am grateful to the parents that let me know, however, it is something we see a lot as the year group are brought together via sport, friendship and learning.

A few tough weeks are coming now for the year group as they enter the mock exam season, if there are any questions or concerns please feel free to contact their tutor in the first instance.



Important decisions

Please see the link below to an infinite guide on how to support students from Year 9 choosing options, Year 10 with Work Experience and Year 11 with exams and Post 16 choices all the way to University, what do the grades mean?

- What does Level 2 or Level 3 mean?
- What's an apprenticeship?
- Who provides apprenticeships?
- What are UCAS points?

Everything you need to know about Post 16 options is in here

<https://online.fliphtml5.com/okfun/czdo/#p=1>

Step by step video on the whole apprenticeship process:

<https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Step-by-step-guide-to-applying-1.pdf>

Year 11 News:

The Route to Success Evening!

We were so pleased to welcome parents and pupils of Year 11 to the Route to Success Evening on Thursday.

The event featured talks from the Subject Leads in English, Maths and Science on how best to prepare for the end of year exams along with lots of general revision tips. Parents and pupils also had the opportunity to speak with the 11 post-16 providers that attended.

We welcomed a huge number of parents and students throughout the evening and thank everyone who was able to join us. If you didn't manage to make it, you can see the presentation [here](#).



Year II News:

PPEs:

Pre-public (mock) exams begin on the 13th October for Year II pupils. Pupils should continue to attend revision sessions after school regularly and revise at home. A range of revision materials and exam preparation tasks can be found on the Google Classroom each week. Pupils also have access to the Tassomai app, which is an excellent resource. During the PPEs, pupils will need to come to school each day prepared with the following:

- A copy of their PPE timetable
- 2x black pens, 2x pencils, a rubber, ruler, and a highlighter in a clear pencil case
- A clear water bottle with the labelling removed
- A calculator and Maths kit for Maths, Science, Geography, and any other exam paper where this equipment is required
- Pupils will need to know and remember their candidate number to find their seat in the exam hall
- Pupils are required to be in **full** school uniform

Please encourage pupils to bring enough lunch and snacks to keep their energy levels up throughout the day during the PPEs. This is so important for concentration levels and their ability to 'keep going' in the afternoon exams. Please encourage your youngsters to have a good sleep pattern during the PPEs, when this is even more important than usual - we know that tiredness can greatly impact examination performance.

Pupils need to arrive at school **earlier than normal, every morning throughout the PPE window, starting on the 13th October.** Pupils need to be at the Dance Studio for **8.30 am** to attend the Pre-Exam Guidance session. **Morning exam papers will start promptly at 9 am**. For afternoon papers, pupils need to be in the Pre-Exam Guidance session for **1.05 pm**. **Afternoon exam papers will start promptly at 13.30 pm**. An overview of the PPE program is available [here](#).

Don't forget to encourage attendance at after school revision sessions. The timetable has been shared via the Google Classroom for Joynson Year and parents via email and an outline of sessions is below.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Subject	History & Geography	Maths	English	Science	Options Subjects

Use of social media

THE ISSUE

With an increasing number of students having access to technology, issues with the misuse of social media by school age children are increasing.

We are concerned that issues occurring on social media are then causing issues in school.



MOBILE PHONES

One of the reasons why we do not allow the use of mobile phones in school is to prevent student using social media.



SCHOOLS HELP

The school monitors and addresses any misuse of its own equipment or network. However, this is rare because students can't access social media on the school's network.



EDUCATION

The school uses PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic education) and assemblies to teach students about the dangers of inappropriate internet use.



PARENT AND CARERS

- parents and guardians are responsible for monitoring their child's use of social media and the internet in general.
- The school strongly encourages you to discuss these issues with your children.
- You should also be aware of the age limits for social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, Snapchat, and TikTok. More information can be found on the school's website and in newsletters.
- If your child is a victim of inappropriate use, the school recommends that you report the issue directly to the social media service and the police.

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