



King's Academy
Brune Park

Parent Newsletter

Friday 12th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we settle into the new school year, I'm delighted to share some positive observations from around the school. The start of the year has been marked by a truly encouraging display of behavior, attitudes, and attendance from our students.

We've been so impressed by our students' **positive attitudes** and **willingness to learn**. Teachers have noted that classrooms are calm and focused, with students eager to engage with new subjects and activities. This positive climate is setting a strong foundation for academic success and personal growth for the year ahead. We believe that a great learning environment starts with the right mindset, and our students are showing us they have it!

Excellent attendance and punctuality are vital for your child's success, and we're thrilled to report that our students have been brilliant in this area. We've seen a fantastic start with a high percentage of students arriving at school and to their lessons on time.

Just a reminder that being punctual means students don't miss out on important instructions and valuable learning time at the beginning of each class. A consistent routine helps them stay on track and reduces anxiety about falling behind.

We know that a strong partnership between home and school is key. Please continue to support your child by reinforcing the importance of being on time and in school every day. Our attendance team are keen to work with you please do contact them if you require any support with attendance or punctuality.

Our positive start for the term would not have been possible without your support. Thank you for ensuring that your child(ren) are well prepared and ready for school each day. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's tutor or year office.

Kind regards,
Kerry Payne
Headteacher



Attendance

A Great Start to the School Year

It has been wonderful to welcome all our students back to school after the summer break! The beginning of a new school year is always an exciting time, and it's been great to see so many familiar faces.

We've been focusing on the importance of attendance and punctuality through our recent assemblies with all year groups. Our message is simple but powerful: **"Be a Hero."**

We believe that showing up on time and ready to learn is one of the most heroic things a student can do for their own success. We have the highest expectations for both attendance and punctuality because we know they are key to helping students reach their full potential.



Celebrating Success

Last year was a fantastic one for our school community. We saw a **2% increase in attendance** and a **7% reduction in persistent absence**. These improvements are a testament to the hard work of our students and the support of our parents.

To keep the momentum going, we'll continue our exciting attendance challenges, including:

- **Friday Spinner**
- **Magnificent Monday**
- **Monthly, half-termly, and termly 100% attendance celebrations**

We are also planning an even bigger **annual celebration** during the summer term to reward our students for their dedication. We'll share more details with students in the coming weeks.

A Friendly Reminder About Punctuality

To ensure every student has a great start to their day, please remember that the **tutor time register is taken at 8:40 a.m.** This means students should be through the school gates by **8:35 a.m.** to get to tutor on time and be ready to learn.

Any student who arrives late will be issued a lunchtime detention. Your support in reinforcing the importance of punctuality with your child is greatly appreciated and helps us create a positive and productive learning environment for everyone.



Download the Studybugs app for reporting your child's absence.

A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school.



Studybugs 

Unbelievable Uniform!

We're so proud of the way our students have started the school year, and a huge thank you goes out to you, our families. We noticed and appreciated all the care you took with your child's uniform. It set a wonderful tone, letting students settle in and focus on what matters most: connecting with their new teachers and jumping into all the exciting learning ahead.



INSET Days -September 2025.

We spent two inspiring days at the beginning of term reflecting on last year and planning for the next. We were lucky to have some wonderful guest speakers as well as speakers from across the Trust. We spent time considering how belonging and inclusion allows all our children to feel they matter at school and explored strategies to strengthen teacher pupil relationships. It was wonderful to work as a team on making sure we were ready for the best possible start to the new school year.

Safeguarding & Mental Health at Brune Park

At King's Academy Brune Park, safeguarding is about creating a culture where every student feels safe, respected and supported. A key part of this is looking after our mental health.

We encourage students to speak openly about how they are feeling and to ask for help when they need it. Our safeguarding and pastoral teams are always available, and every child has trusted adults they can go to for support.

This year we are focusing on:

- Promoting kindness and respect across the school, tackling derogatory language and unkind behaviour.
- Making mental health a priority, students know it is just as important as physical health and need to have an awareness of how to self promote their own mental health
- Early help. Concerns around wellbeing, attendance, or behaviour are picked up quickly so the right support can be put in place.

If you are ever concerned about your child's wellbeing, please contact their year team or a member of the Safeguarding Team straight away. Together, we can ensure all children in our school feel safe, valued and able to flourish.



The Science department here at Brune Park are continuing this year to use Tassomai to set our weekly homework for all year groups.

What is Tassomai?

Tassomai organises students' independent revision and supports them in learning everything they need to know for their exams (www.tassomai.com). It analyses their strengths and weaknesses, and tailors its revision program to each individual student so that they can fill any gaps in their knowledge. Tassomai provides immediate data feedback for teachers, helping them to see where students are struggling and intervene accordingly. According to Tassomai's research their data showed an exceptionally high correlation between Tassomai usage and attainment, with 90% of strong users achieving a strong pass or better (vs. 68% nationally) and 50% achieving a top grade(to read more go to: <https://www.tassomai.com/our-impact>).

What is the expectation for students to complete each week?

Years 8-II are already set up on Tassomai from last year and Year 7 students will be supported in setting up Tassomai in school through Science lessons or during tutor time. All students' are expected to complete at least 3 "Daily Goals" per week. Tassomai is a multiple choice quiz programme that asks students to answer a certain number of questions correctly each day. It is individualised for each student and the outcome will always be between 20 and 60. Each daily goal can take between 5 and 15 minutes depending on the needs of the learner and their responses. The more often the student completes their daily goals the quicker they are to complete. Each Science teacher will be checking their classes once a week, wherever possible on a Monday depending on each class's timetable.

How can parents help?

Having used Tassomai at a previous school, in my experience parent involvement is one of the most effective ways to increase a student's Tassomai usage. Each week you will receive a progress report from Tassomai via email to give feedback on your child's weekly activity. You could then support your child by setting targets with them and giving small rewards – choosing a movie to watch together, a Costa treat, time on games or with friends, spending 1:1 time with you are all great ways to actively engage with what they're doing. Students need to do enough quizzes to keep their "Daily Goal" at 3 or more each week which will then turn green (at expectation with at least 3 Daily Goals), or blue (exceeds expectations with 6 or more Daily Goals). This will ensure they'll be prepared for their exams and confident in their knowledge – so there'll be less need for last minute cramming and pressure especially once a student reaches Year II! You can help by encouraging your child to use Tassomai at least 3 days a week. Tassomai can also be downloaded as a mobile app, which gives students more freedom as to when they complete their independent study from home, on a bus, on a car journey or at break or lunchtime.

Here is further support for parents:

<https://www.tassomai.com/blog-content/2018/11/26/getting-started-as-a-parent-on-tassomai?format=amp>

More information about how Tassomai works can be found here:

<https://www.tassomai.com/how-tassomai-works>

Year 7 Students wishing to start using or having a look at Tassomai before they are shown it in lesson can download the app or go to Tassomai.com and log in with Single Sign-On options (Microsoft, Google or Wonde SSO), or use their school email address and this password: **SmartWayToStudy**

If you have any questions at all, please get in touch with either Mrs Cooper or Mr Weston.

Year 7 News

Welcome Year 7

We are delighted to welcome our new Year 7 pupils to secondary school, and they have made an excellent start to their journey with us. They have already begun to settle into routines, approach their lessons with enthusiasm, and build new friendships. It has been wonderful to see their positivity and eagerness to learn, and we look forward to supporting them as they continue to grow and thrive throughout the year

CAT4 Tests :

Our Year 7 students will be sitting CAT4 tests week commencing 15th September, keep an eye out for an email coming out later this week which will give you all the information regarding these tests and why we run them.

For any concerns or queries contact your child's tutor or contact the Year office at year-7-year-office@kgabrunepark.uk

Year 8 News

Welcome back!

As the new Head of Year 8 I am already enjoying meeting and getting to know the Class of 2029! The children have really welcomed me into the community. I am looking forward to working with your children as they navigate this important year of their education.

Year 8 is a pivotal time for students. They will continue to build on their academic foundations and develop the social and personal skills that will prepare them for the challenges and opportunities ahead. As a team we are looking forward to helping the students become successful, happy and for some, to start to take leadership roles in school.

For any concerns or queries contact your child's tutor or contact the Year office at year-8-year-office@kgabrunepark.uk

Year 9 News

Wow, Year 9 already! Can you believe how fast the time has gone? It feels like only yesterday we were just starting secondary school, and now we're already in such an important year. Year 9 is a big one – it's the year where things start to step up a bit. You'll soon be making choices about GCSEs, thinking more about the future, and really starting to shape where you want to go.

I have set our Year 9's some targets for the year any support with these would be greatly appreciated:

- 1. Have the highest attendance in the school again!**
- 2. Improve our punctuality to lessons to be the best in the school!**
- 3. Reduce low level disruption in lesson.**
- 4. Pick your options for Year 10/11.**

We also welcome Mr Elleston to the Year 9 Year Team. For any concerns or queries please use the year-9-year-office@kgabrunepark.uk email address.

Year 10 News

It was lovely to welcome Year 10 back after summer. I was beaming with pride as I walked through lessons last week, noticing the visible sense of maturity and focus in lessons. Our attendance on the first day was 99.6%! We hope to maintain this as we continue through such an important year.

As many of you know, I will be starting my maternity from next week. In my absence, Miss Walmsley will be taking over and supporting with the Year group. For all concerns and enquiries, please email year-10-year-office@kgabrunepark.uk

Year 10 Work Experience Week 2026

Monday 6th July 2026 - Friday 10th July 2026

What?

Short-term placement in a real workplace to help students:
Get a feel for what working life is like

Learn basic skills like communication, punctuality, and teamwork

Explore possible career interests



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COMPULSORY
STATUTORY
REQUIREMENT

We are starting discussions about Work Experience early this year to give our students the best chance of securing quality placements, as two other large local schools will be running WEX in the same week.

Importance of WEX

Work Experience is an important opportunity for students to develop key employability skills, gain insight into the workplace, and make informed decisions about their future pathways.

At the moment there is nothing to do but keep this on your radar more detailed information will be out soon any questions about WEX please email Miss Bailey
Careers Adviser ,
lbailey@kgabrunepark.uk

How?

Students will **NEED TO FIND THEIR OWN WORK EXPERIENCE EMPLOYER**

but a list of previous employer's that have taken previous students will be sent out to students and parent's/guardians

Support documents will be sent to Students, Parents and guardians on how to communicate with employers

Once a WEX employer has been found student's will log on to Unifrog and log in using their school email and their password (if a student can't remember their password they can reset it) this is electronically process .

Students completed a student initial form

The WEX employer completes their form , insurance documents and health and safety documents

Parent's and Guardian will receive an email to examine the students and employer forms to give permission Miss Bailey at school will receive this and will check it over before approval
Ready for WEX!

Year 11 News

It was lovely to see over 99% of our year 11s ready to shine at the start of the new academic year. Their expectations of us is high, as is ours of them and they are ready to prepare for the final part of their journey with us at King's Academy Brune Park.

We welcome Mrs Hughes to the year team who will be working closely with our students to ensure that they are making the best possible progress for their final outcomes.

Mrs Young, who has been on the journey from the very start of year 7 will continue to support the well being.

The year 11 tutors are an amazing team, so please contact them in the first instance, however should you wish to contact the year 11 team:

year-11-year-office@kgabrunepark.uk

We look forward to working together to ensure our year 11s have the best possible final year.

LEARNING WALKTHRU



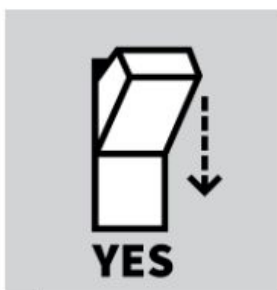
HOW WE LEARN SERIES

MINDSETS, ATTITUDES & EMOTIONS



1

ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR EMOTIONS



2

ADOPT A GROWTH MINDSET



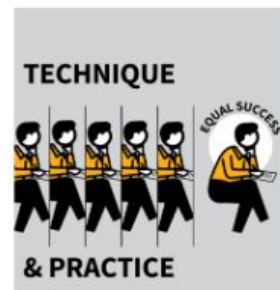
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LEARNING ZONE v PERFORMANCE ZONE



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LEARN TO SWITCH ZONES



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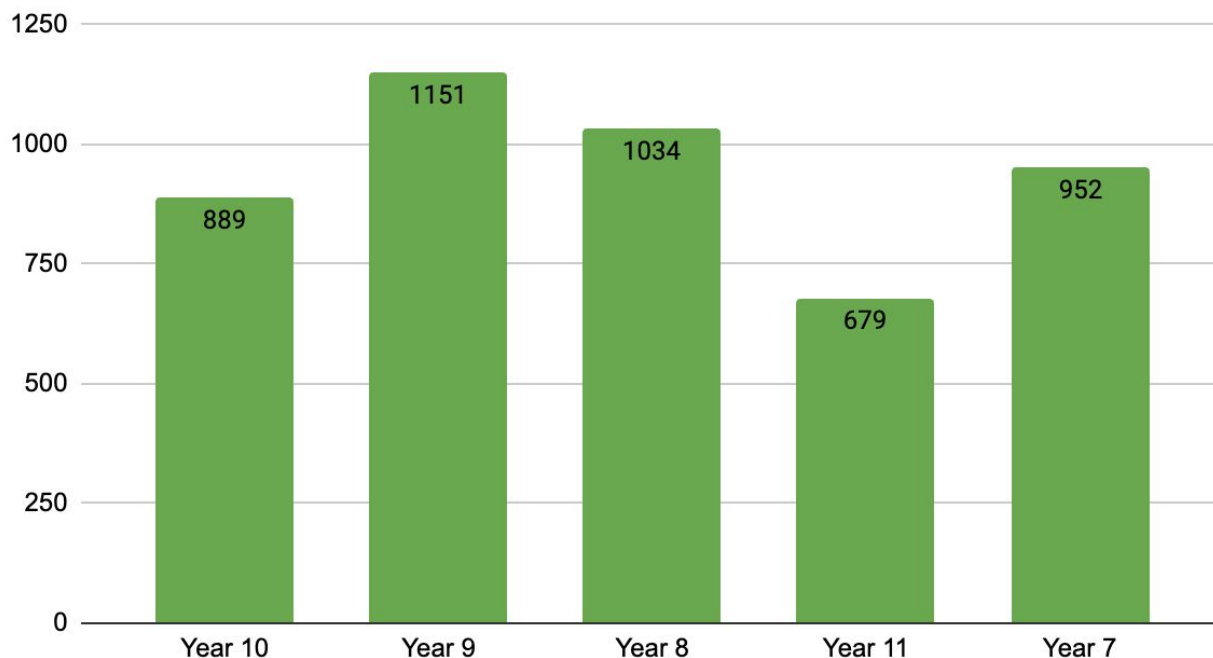
FOCUS EFFORT THROUGH TECHNIQUE & PRACTICE

Each week in assembly we will be sharing a learning habit or revision technique - this week it was about having the right mindset - pupils should acknowledge that they might feel anxious about their studies but try to take on a growth mindset - believing you can achieve and motivating yourself is half the battle!

Behaviour

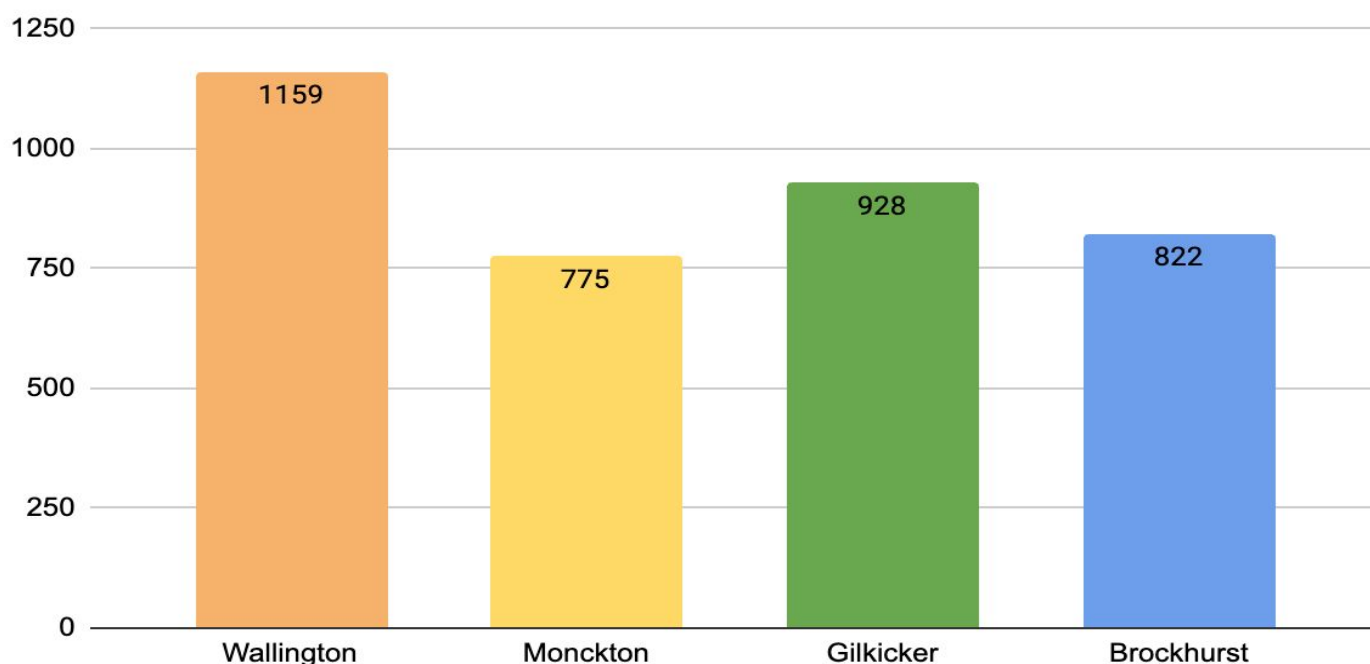
So amazing to see so many positive points being awarded across all year groups in the first 2 days of being back at school. Year 9 are currently in the lead with an impressive 1152 points and Year 8 are a close second with 1034.

Positive points awarded in first 2 days



The house competition is off to a flying start as well with Wallington in the lead with an amazing 1159 points. Keep up all the hard work!

Positive points awarded in first 2 days



Key Application Deadlines

The deadline for applying for colleges is

Saturday 31st January 2026

- Barton Peveril College and Peter Symonds College application deadlines are on **Monday, 8 December 2025.**
- South College Hampshire Group - Fareham, Eastleigh, Southampton Colleges, CETC , nd CEMAST College application deadlines are on **Friday 30th January 2026**
- St Vincent College application deadline on **Friday, 30th January 2026**
- Bay House Sixth Form application deadline on **Monday ,22nd December 2025**
- UTC Portsmouth application deadline on **Friday, 30th January 2026**
- City of Portsmouth College application deadlines are on **Friday, 30th January 2026**
- Sparsholt College application deadlines are on **Friday, 30th January 2026**
- Military Mentors College application deadline **Friday, 30th January 2026**

Colleges Open Evening Events:

- ❖ Fareham College Open Event - Tuesday 14th October 2025 17:00 - 19:00
- ❖ Southampton College Open Event - Tuesday 21st October 2025 17:00 - 19:00
- ❖ Eastleigh College Open Event - Wednesday 22nd October 2025 17:00 - 19:00
- ❖ St Vincent College - Wednesday 15 October 2025 Wednesday 26 November 2025 Thursday 21 May 2026 5pm to 7pm
- ❖ Barton Peveril College Open Event - Wednesday 24th September 2025 16:30-20:30 -
- ❖ UTC Portsmouth - Wednesday 1st October 2025 , Saturday 8th November 4.45pm - 7.30pm -
- ❖ City of Portsmouth College, Wednesday 15th October - Thursday 16th October 4.30 - 7.30 pm
- ❖ Sparsholt College - Saturday 4th October 2025 10am-4pm

Please register on the colleges website's for attendance and further information



WORKSHOP TASTER DAY

at Southampton Engineering Training Association



**Saturday
18th October '25**

Register to attend

10am - 2.30pm

Arrival time slots of:
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**For Year 10
& above**

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South Hampshire College Group Open Events

Eastleigh College

22 October 2025 - 17:00 - 19:00

25 November 2025 - 17:00 - 19:00

25 March 2026 - 17:00 - 19:00

13 June 2026 - 11:00 - 14:00

Fareham College

14 October 2025 - 17:00-19:00

13 November 2025 - 17:00 - 19:00

18 March 2026 - 17:00 - 19:00

20 June 2026 - 11:00 - 14:00

Southampton College

21 October 2025 - 17:00 - 19:00

20 November 2025 - 17:00 - 19:00

19 March 2026 - 17:00 - 19:00

27 June 2026 - 11:00 - 14:00

CEMAST & CETC

19 November 2025 - 17:00 - 19:00

24 March 2026 - 17:00 - 19:00





Military Mentors
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Hampshire PO13 0J
Tel: 01329 239001
Mobile: 07856 975376
info@militarymentors.co.uk
<https://www.militarymentors.co.uk/>

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skills to go in to the
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sector

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Please contact Military mentors directly details
above



Virtual Work Experience with the Institution of Mechanical Engineers

For students and parents/guardians

Join us for a live session linked to the IMechE Virtual Work Experience for Engineers. Explore the world of Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Automation! We'll examine how AI is transforming the engineering workplace. Aspiring engineers will likely need to study data and use AI to boost efficiency, enhance decisions, and drive innovation. Meet Neil, a top Computer-Aided Engineering expert, an ex-apprentice, and Maira, an award-winning, inspirational female leader in engineering.

<https://www.unifrog.org/events/upcoming/1467-virtual-work-experience-with-the-institution-of-mechanical-engineers>

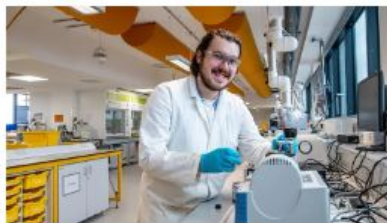


What does the future of fashion look like?

For students

Ever wondered what will drive the fashion consumer of the future? In this webinar from the University of Southampton, you'll look at the skills and thinking of a junior brand & communications strategist - working across fashion marketing, trend analysis, and consumer insights. And you'll discover how brands respond to cultural shifts (from sustainability to digital disruption) bringing their vision to life through writing, visuals, and film.

<https://www.unifrog.org/events/upcoming/1489-what-does-the-future-of-fashion-look-like>



The green chemistry revolution: rethinking how we make (pretty much) everything

For students

Modern life is built on chemistry and chemical engineering, yet many of the materials and processes we rely on come with (often hidden) toxic impacts. This webinar with the University of Southampton will explore how some of the past approaches to chemistry have left a legacy of hazardous substances in products, manufacturing, and the environment. Through real-world examples, you'll learn how green chemistry reduces waste, protects our health, and rethinks how we make pretty much everything!

<https://www.unifrog.org/events/upcoming/1488-the-green-chemistry-revolution-rethinking-how-we-make-pretty-much-everything>



Games every designer should play

For students

Discover how iconic games lead to great design in this entertaining webinar based on the podcast of the same name. Join Stuart Lilford and Adrian Mills, game designers and lecturers from the University of Hull, to learn key mechanics, storytelling techniques, and design principles from must-play titles that every creative person should experience firsthand.

<https://www.unifrog.org/events/upcoming/1485-games-every-designer-should-play>



Criminology taster session: what makes a psychopath?

For students

Join the University of Manchester for an academic exploration into this complex topic with criminology lecturer Dr William Floodgate. In this interactive session we'll delve into the research on the origins of psychopathy and examine the debate over whether it should influence criminal sentencing. We'll challenge common misconceptions, explore what modern-day psychopaths truly look like in society, and you'll even be able to test your own levels of psychopathy!

<https://www.unifrog.org/events/upcoming/1492-criminology-taster-session-what-makes-a-psychopath>



i-Construct

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15-16 October 2025, CETC & CEMAST, Fareham, PO13 9FU



Don't be put off by the word Construction – there's much more to it than you can imagine!

Our aim is to bust all those myths and misconceptions where everything you see and touch is part of the **Built Environment** making it an *exciting and rewarding* career path for everyone.

This is so much more than a careers fair!

No matter what your personal interests, there is a role that could suit you – come along and find out more ...

The day will consist of:

- Interviewing a leading company and the part it plays in a fictitious construction project scenario
- Research the roles, responsibilities, and career routes of the people you meet
- Develop, with assistance, a presentation of your findings
- Impress our judging panel to be put forward for an award
- Explore interactive and hands-on demonstrations - simulators, remote control plant, VR headsets, drones, lego, Tech and Tour truck and much more!



There will be plenty of people to talk to about next steps whether that is work experience, apprenticeships, college to learn a trade, A & T Levels or University.



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DATE

Tuesday 23 September 2025



TIME

16.00 - 19.00



LOCATION

Voco Southampton by IHG
(formerly The Holiday Inn)



Register Here



King's Academy
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Open Evening

(for Year 6)

Thursday 25th September

4:30pm - 7pm

- This is a great chance for families to learn about our values, ethos and what makes our school a special place to consider for next September 2026
- Join us to explore what King's Academy Brune Park has to offer, including opportunities to view our different departments, meet staff, see our uniform and speak with the Senior Leadership Team
- Headteacher, Miss Kerry Payne, will give talks at 4:30pm, 5:30pm and 6:30pm

Back to School BOOST – FREE Martial Arts Week at Brune Park School

Join us for an **unforgettable FREE Martial Arts Lesson** and give your child the best start to the new school term!

Kickstart September with a powerful boost of:

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