



King's Academy
Brune Park

Parent Newsletter

Friday 19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week at King's Academy Brune Park! It has been a real privilege to get into so many lessons and interact with students across the school. Particular highlights include Food Technology where students were making cottage pie, Chelsea buns and garlic bread (not all in the same lesson); Geography where students were learning about Lagos in Nigeria and what it would be like to live there; quadratic equations in maths and reading in tutor time.

The attitudes and behaviors our students bring to school each day have a significant impact on everyone around them. When students approach their schoolwork and social interactions with a positive mindset, it creates a ripple effect. It makes learning more enjoyable and helps build a sense of belonging for all. This week we have seen first hand how coming to school ready for the day ensures success for students. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child(ren) comes to school prepared for the day ahead.

We have been really pleased with the smart and correct uniform that the vast majority of students now wear with pride. It is important that every child has a bag in school every day. This is a required, expected part of our uniform. It would be easy to think this does not matter but we do expect students to carry a water bottle with them; put their phones and headphones into their bag on entry into the school and carry the required equipment including a pencil case. We ask that you help your child(ren) get into the routine of packing their bag the night before and ensuring they bring it each day.

Please read the rest of our newsletter to get key information, dates and updates from your child's year team.

Kind regards,
Kerry Payne
Headteacher



Celebration Friday:

The first Celebration Friday of the 2025/2026 school year!

Miss Payne met with students from all different year groups this morning, they were all nominated for having an amazing start to the year.

Well done to everyone nominated.

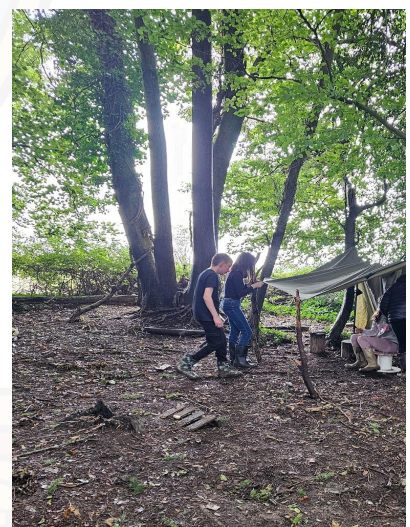


Goodwood Education Trust :

KGABP has partnered with Goodwood Education Trust to provide some of our KS3 learners with a regular experience of outside learning at the Goodwood Estate.

Students take part in forest school activities including cooking on campfires, den building and generally playing in the mud.

This is a great opportunity for those learners who have previously struggled to access school trips. As you can see the learners had a great time regardless of the weather. We apologise to parents and carers in advance for the dirty clothes and shoes!



Attendance

At KABP, we believe that celebrating success is the best way to encourage it. Instead of focusing only on absences, we're highlighting consistent attendance through fun, new initiatives that reward our students.

One of our weekly favourites is **Magnificent Monday**. Students who attend school every day the previous week get to celebrate by visiting our pod during Break 1 for a free sweet treat or reward. This past Monday was our biggest turnout yet, with **250 students** joining us! We were especially proud that **100 of these were from our new Year 7 cohort**, showing what an incredible start they've made to their time with us.

The celebrations don't stop there! Our weekly **Friday Spinner** continues to bring great enthusiasm during tutor time for our KS3 students.

We are also thrilled to announce that **837 students—70% of our school**—have achieved 100% attendance since the start of term. All of these students are now in the running for our big September attendance challenge!

Lastly, a quick reminder that **Studybugs** is a great way to communicate with us if you have any questions about your child's attendance.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child succeed.

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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 



MAGNIFICENT MONDAY

**Did you have 100% attendance
last week?**

**Come and visit the pod (By T011)
On Mondays - Break 1
(10:55-11:15)**



Year 7 News

Year 7 have continued their fantastic start to the term. Attendance has been excellent, and we are so impressed with their engagement in lessons as well as their mature conduct during the CAT test.

We are delighted with the way they are settling in and hope all students enjoy their upcoming trip to Butser Hill.

If you have any concerns or queries please email the year office email address

year-7-year-office@kgabrunepark.uk

Thank you for your support

Mr. Cole and the year 7 team

Year 8 News

Year 8 students have really started to engage fully with their learning and we as a year team have been impressed with the resilience that many of the students are displaying.

In tutor time and assemblies we have been discussing freedom and democracy and this week they engaged with an interactive online assembly with real enthusiasm.

Currently 810 is leading the way for the best tutor group attendance but 803 were the most improved this week and are catching up!

Year 9 News

Year 9 have returned this year with a real positive attitude towards learning and getting things right. We would like to praise the smart uniforms and positive attitudes.

Great response so far for the flu vaccine, please check your emails if you have not yet responded.

Sports clubs are up and running which have seen some great results from the boys Year 9 football team already.

There are already some great conversations around possible option choices, students are exploring these with staff and peers and hopefully home too.

Year 9 we are so proud of your mature return to school this year, keep showing your best selves.

Year 10 News

The Year team has been incredibly impressed with the motivation and engagement of the students this week. It's been a fantastic start to the school year and their key stage 4 journey.

We are currently processing requests for option subject changes and will notify students once their new timetables are approved. Please note there may be a delay as we work with department heads to finalise these changes.

A big congratulations to Miss Gyoerick, who began her maternity leave on September 15th. We wish her all the best as she prepares to welcome her new baby!

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

Year 11 started their English and Mathematics revision during tutor time last week, to support their learning journey to successful GCSE outcomes. So very many of them have impressed us by showing such a positive and mature attitude towards their learning.

This is a wonderful opportunity for all involved and with our specialist English and Mathematics teachers delivering these sessions, may we look to your support in ensuring that our learners arrive to their tutor and the start of the day on time.

After school revision sessions are also underway! See our recent email to you to see the timetable and find out more about these. We are so pleased that so many pupils are planning to attend these - early revision really makes a difference to outcomes.

Congratulations to our Year 11 boys football team that beat local school - Cams Hill 4-3. It was a great match. Well done! We look forward to hearing the results of your next match.

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>

Year II News

The Route to Success Evening - 2nd October 2025!

We are delighted to invite you and your child to this event, taking place on **Thursday 2nd October** at KGA Brune Park.

This important event is designed to help students make informed choices about their future and develop effective study habits as they prepare for their exams. **All pupils are warmly invited to attend alongside their parents or carers.**

During the evening, you will have the opportunity to:

- **Meet with local colleges and sixth form providers** , who will be available throughout the event to provide information and guidance on post-16 options
- **Attend a presentation** from the Heads of English, Maths, and Science, who will share **revision strategies, key focus areas, and top tips** for success in their subjects.

Presentations will be held and repeated at 5 pm, 5.45 pm and 6.30 pm to allow you more than one opportunity to attend.

To help us manage room capacity and ensure everyone can attend a presentation, we kindly ask you to complete a short form to indicate which session you plan to attend.

Please click the link below to submit your preferences:

👉 [Year II Route to Success Evening Form](#)

We strongly encourage all Year II families to attend this valuable evening to support their child's academic journey and future planning. We look forward to seeing you soon.

A Route to Success Evening

An Evening for all Year 11 Students and Parents

Event Details

Join us on
Thursday, 2nd
October 2025,
from 4:30pm in
the Foyer,
Orange Building
to 7:30pm at
Kings Academy
Brune Park.

Providers Present

Meet colleges,
apprenticeship
providers, and
local employers
ready to assist
you with your
post-16 choices
for the future.

Get Involved

Encourage
attendees to ask
questions and
engage with
providers to help
make informed
decisions about
their educational
paths.



Discover your future opportunities today!
Please register when you arrive and receive your event
booklet

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

Uk-Ukraine Partnership

KABP is excited to be part of the UK-Ukraine partnership workshop by The British Council next week! It is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about international school partnerships and exchange ideas to promote reading in classrooms.

We're delighted to be working alongside our partner school in Zbarazh , Ternopil region in Ukraine. In the coming months our students will be exploring the pleasure of reading with young people from Ukraine on a joint online project.

More news to follow.



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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.

Safeguarding Reminder : School Gates

As part of our safeguarding culture at King's Academy Brune Park, the school gates are secured each day to ensure the safety of all students.

- Morning: Gates are closed from 8.25am to 8.45am
- Afternoon: Gates are closed from 3.05pm to 3.25pm

During these times, the front of the school is a pedestrian-only zone to keep students safe as they arrive and leave.

This system is already in place and helps us to keep our site safe and secure at the busiest times of the day. Thank you for supporting us in maintaining a safe environment for every child.



King's Academy Brune Park

SAFEGUARDING

CULTURE



POSITIVE SAFEGUARDING CULTURE

Together, we want to create an inclusive and supportive environment where every student feels valued and safe

DEROGATORY LANGUAGE AND BULLYING

Respect and kindness are at the heart of our community. We take a zero tolerance approach towards bully and derogatory language



ATTENDANCE

Strong attendance builds stronger relationships and better futures. Let's achieve together, every day



SUMMARY

A positive safeguarding culture creates a safe, inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and respected. It promotes trust, kindness, and open communication, reducing bullying and encouraging strong attendance. This culture supports well-being, helping everyone thrive academically and socially.

Behaviour

At King's Academy Brune Park, our behaviour curriculum is built on three positive values, Honesty, Faith and Courage and we're delighted to see how strongly students are living them every day. Through explicit teaching in tutor time and assemblies, consistent routines in lessons, and regular recognition for positive choices, students are learning to be truthful about their actions, to believe in themselves and one another, and to show bravery when facing challenges.



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King's Academy Brune Park **Behaviour Curriculum – Our Values in Action**

■ Honesty

- Always tell the truth and be honest with staff and peers.
- Take responsibility for your words and actions; apologise if something goes wrong and learn from mistakes.
- Follow school rules, including uniform and attendance, with integrity.
- Be fair to others and treat them as you would like to be treated.
- Use social media and online platforms appropriately and responsibly.

■ Faith

- Show kindness, care, and respect to everyone in school, on the way to and from school, and in the wider community.
- Believe in your ability to learn, even when things are difficult.
- Work hard in lessons, complete homework on time, and take pride in your work.
- Support and encourage your peers; celebrate their successes as well as your own.
- Trust staff to guide you and follow their instructions first time, every time.

■ Courage

- Tackle challenges with a positive mindset. Don't give up when things get tough.
- Ask for help when you need it and never be afraid to make mistakes.
- Speak up if something worries you or doesn't feel right. Report concerns to staff.
- Show respect and patience in disagreements; resolve issues calmly or with adult support.
- Move safely and sensibly around the school, looking after yourself, others, and the environment.

■ At King's Academy Brune Park, we live by our values of **Honesty, Faith, and Courage**. Every day, in everything we do. ■

Behaviour

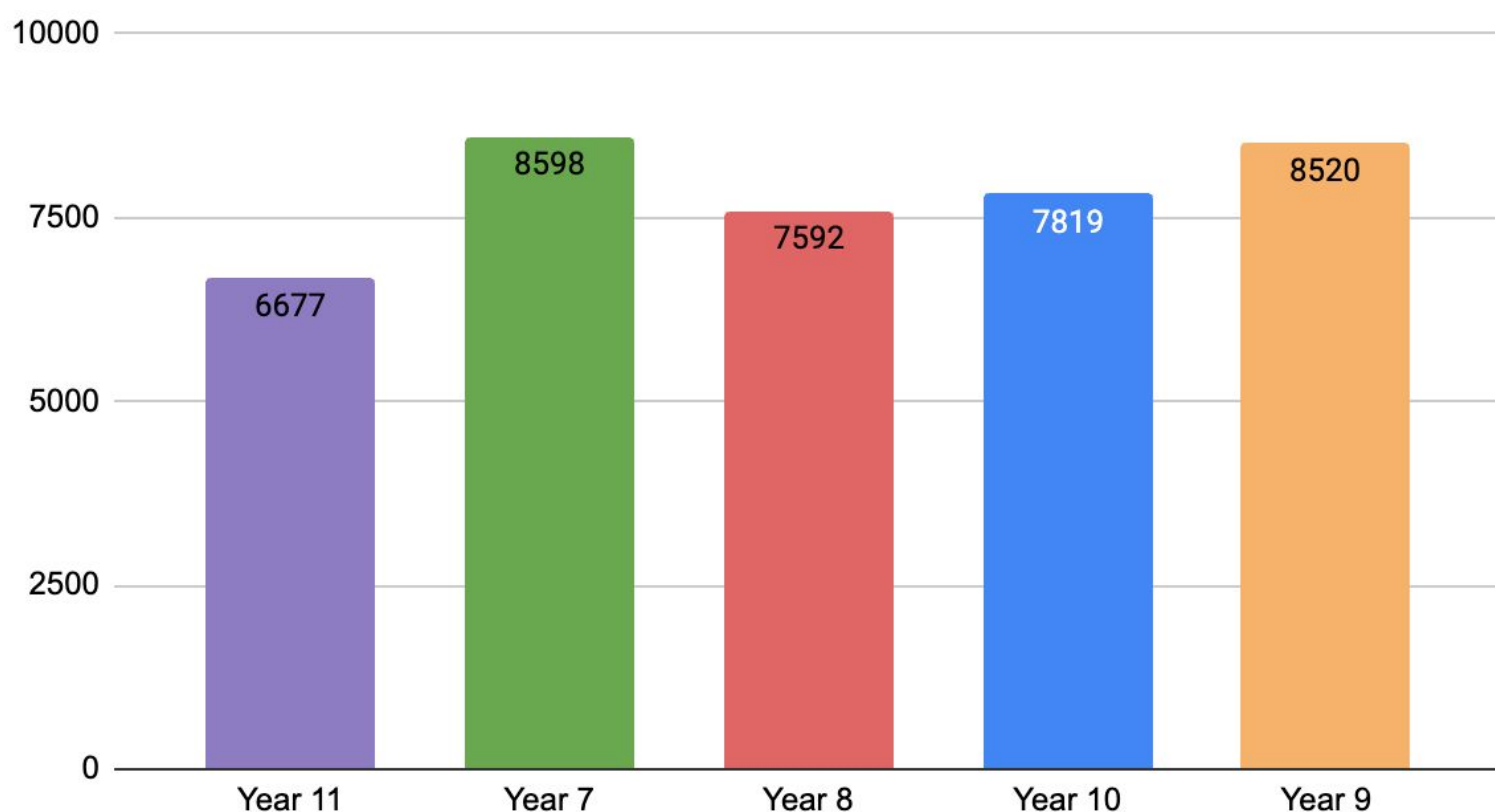
Positive points:

Another impressive week of positive points recorded last week. SO far this term our students have received nearly 40,000 positive points. Currently Year 7 are leading the way in the points race but Year 9 are hot on their heels. Come on other Year groups, let's push that extra mile and 'go beyond' in our lessons to get those extra points!

Total Positive points recorded this year

39223

Positive Points By Year Group



Teacher Learning walks

We are sure parents would be keen to know that we launched "Teacher Learning Walks" in our school this week.

Our profession is unusual in that we can go for long periods of time (years!) without seeing any other colleague doing the same job.

We have tackled that straight on by allowing staff to visit colleagues out of their department, and then to use that experience to consider their own teaching skills.

At the end of each half term our teachers will work in coaching triads and be given the opportunity to explore what they have seen and learned.

There is so much brilliant work going on in our school – from students and staff – it is only right that it is more known and shared.

If your child comes home and says "my english teacher was watching my science lesson today", this is why.





Let's talk about apprenticeships

For students

Want to earn while you learn? Sign up to this webinar to better understand what apprenticeships are and whether they're right for you. You'll hear from the experts about the different types of apprenticeships on offer, the length and pay grade of each one, and how to choose the right one for you.

<https://www.unifrog.org/events/series-post-18-options/1473-lets-talk-about-apprenticeships>



Designing tomorrow's festivals: a creative industries taster

For students

What makes events like Glastonbury an amazing festival experience? Join Lancaster University to discover the exciting world of designing future-facing festivals. You'll see the process from initial concept development through to design, branding, and audience engagement. You'll even find out how digital tools are being used to innovate the cutting-edge festivals of the future!

<https://www.unifrog.org/events/for-students/1513-designing-tomorrows-festivals-a-creative-industries-taster>



Healthcare: master your application and find your dream role

For students

Join this webinar from the University of Southampton to learn more about a career in healthcare. You'll learn how to prepare for a healthcare application, including tips for gaining work experience and the skills universities are looking for. We'll also explore the range of roles available across the healthcare profession, like occupational therapy, nursing, midwifery, and physiotherapy, to help you decide which one is the best fit for you.

<https://www.unifrog.org/events/for-students/1484-healthcare-master-your-application-and-find-your-dream-role>



Making a difference: careers in education and childcare

For students

Working with children can be a very rewarding and impactful career option, helping to shape their development. Sign up now to find out more from the experts about the different roles within this exciting sector, what a typical day looks like, and top tips to help you succeed in this rewarding field.

<https://www.unifrog.org/events/series-day-in-the-life/1504-making-a-difference-careers-in-education-and-childcare>

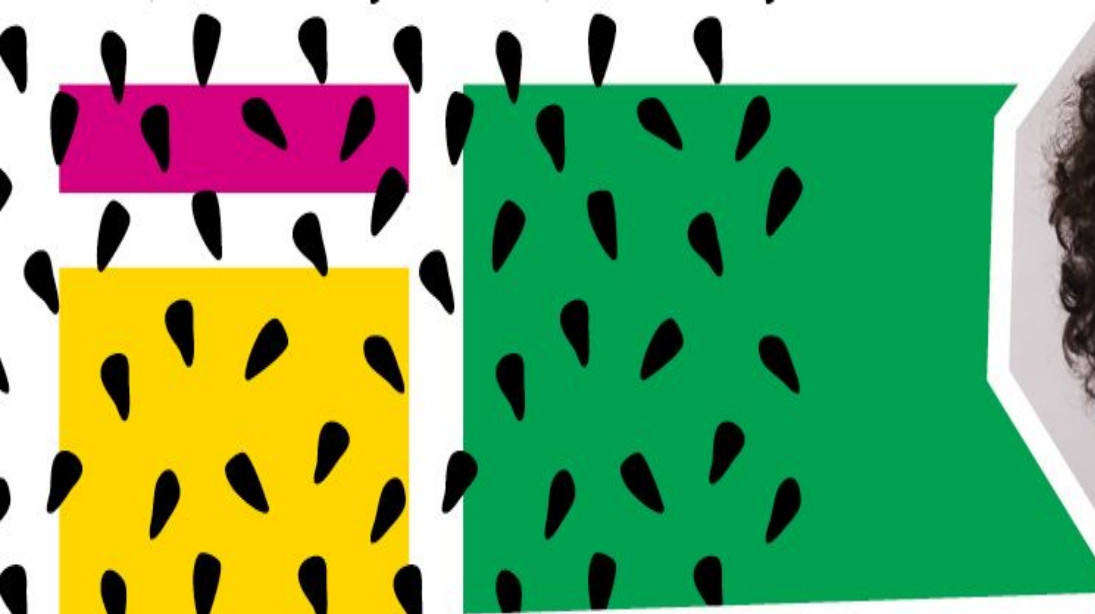


Finding solutions to global challenges: where can neuroscience and microbiology take us?

For students

Have you ever wondered how the tiniest life forms can have massive impacts – like how a microscopic soil worm can help tackle global challenges? Or how microbes can affect global health? Join the University of Southampton for this webinar to discover the answers to these questions and more. You'll also learn about the scientific journey of a neuroscientist and microbiologist and how their work is helping to make a difference.

<https://www.unifrog.org/events/for-students/1520-finding-solutions-to-global-challenges-where-can-neuroscience-and-microbiology-take-us>

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SOUTH DOWNS OPEN EVENT 7 OCT - 5-8PM

DISCOVER MORE:
hsdc.ac.uk/events

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OPEN EVENT
1 OCT - 5-8PM

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OPEN EVENING



City of
Portsmouth
College

15th

WEDNESDAY

16th

THURSDAY

4.30-7.30pm – Cake and coffee on us!

A Levels | T Levels | Vocational courses | Apprenticeships
Access to Higher Education | Adult Learning | Hobby & Leisure courses

**HIGHBURY
CAMPUS**

**SIXTH FORM
CAMPUS**

**NORTH HARBOUR
CAMPUS**



WORKSHOP TASTER DAY

at Southampton Engineering Training Association



**Saturday
18th October '25**

Register to attend

10am - 2.30pm

Arrival time slots of:
10am, 11am,
12pm & 1pm

**For Year 10
& above**

**Come and have a go at
engineering activities
in the workshop!**

info@seta-training.co.uk

023 8077 1908

www.setatraining.co.uk

2025 - 2026

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



SOUTHAMPTON INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW

19-28 SEPTEMBER 2025

**FREE BOAT SHOW
TICKET FOR ALL
ATTENDEES**

MAKE A SPLASH IN YOUR CAREER

Interested in a career in the marine industry?

Join us at the Southampton International Boat Show Careers & Apprenticeship Evening and meet employers and training providers ready to help you find your place in the marine sector.



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:

- Confidence
- Focus & Discipline
- Fitness & Energy
- Make new friends
- Have fun whilst learning self defence!

Limited Free Spaces – Don't Miss Out!

One week only – reserve your spot TODAY!

Ages 7–12 (Junior Heroes): 5:00–6:00pm

No experience needed – beginners welcome!

Reserve your FREE spot now: [Hero Martial Arts Schools Gosport Booking Form](#)

BACK to SCHOOL BOOST!

JUNIOR MARTIAL ARTS

CLASSES FOR 7-12YRS

BOOK NOW - FIRST CLASS IS FREE

HERO
MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOLS