



King's Academy
Brune Park

Parent Newsletter

Friday 26th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, has been incredibly positive for so many different reasons:

- Our Open Evening for new Year 7 was really well supported by our students and our whole staff team who contributed to the event. We were incredibly proud to show our school off and share our improvement journey with everyone. Our students were the highlight of the evening; our Head and Deputy Head Students, Lily, Oscar and Zeydan, spoke with so much passion and positivity about their school and the student helpers in departments smiled throughout and were so proud of their school.
- Year 11 had a special assembly led by the Head of Sixth Form at King's Academy Bay house Ms Osborne. This event ensured that every student knew that their next steps were in their control, it was so pleasing to hear so many of our students speak with determination about attending KABH Sixth Form.
- Mr Stannard attended the first session as part of our involvement in the British Council's UK-Ukraine School Partnerships programme. I cannot wait to see the impact this project has and I am delighted we are involved in an international project.
- I was pleased to work with Mr Muhammad, Director of Secondary Improvement for KGA, this week to focus on raising standards with a spotlight on maths. I was really pleased to hear how rapidly we had implemented some changes and the positive impact this was having.

Please ensure you read the section in this newsletter about communication. We are keen to work with you in partnership to support your child(ren) and this information outlines our expectations for this.

Kind regards,
Kerry Payne
Headteacher



Celebration Friday:

Miss Payne met with a wonderful Year 11 this morning who had been nominated for Celebration Friday by her head of year, Mrs Joynson. The reason being that she always does what she needs to and always with a smile on her face!

Well done Amy!



Attendance :



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Rewards at KGABP

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Monthly Challenge

Be in every day from the start to end of the month and you will receive a choice of

- A sweet treat
- or
- A fast pass for the lunch queue

Friday Spinner

If you're sitting in front of your tutor on a Friday, get ready—they'll be spinning the spinner!

Choose either a sweet treat or a resin animal

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Amazon vouchers

Every half term there is a draw of Amazon vouchers - be in every day to be in the draw!

Behaviour :

Another amazing week of positive achievement at Kings academy Brune park. We have managed to obtain over 62,000 positive points so far this academic year. What an amazing achievement from all our students.

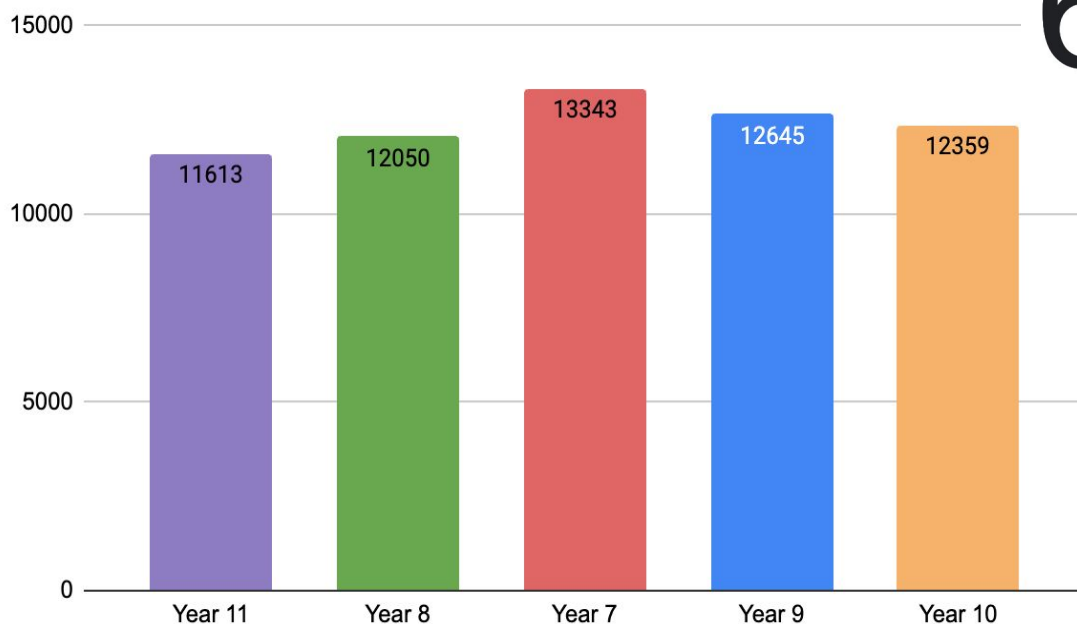
Year 7 are still leading the way with just over 13,300 points but year 9 and year 10 are hot on their heels.

810 are leading the pack with an amazing 2189 positive points obtained so far this year. 701 are right behind them though with 2119.

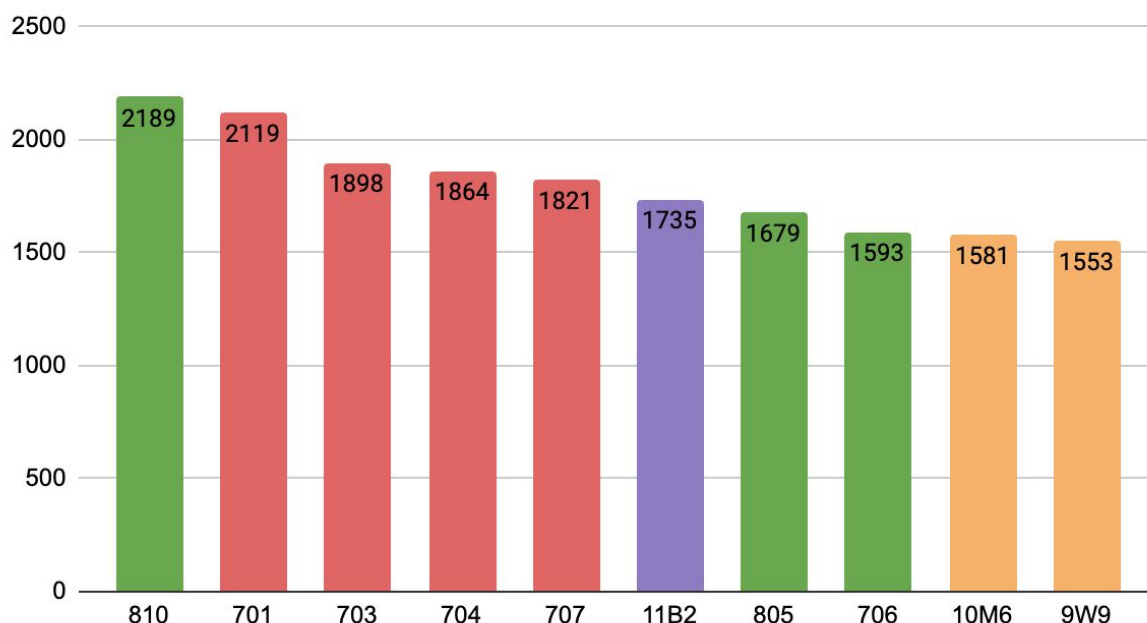
Total Positive points recorded this year

62085

Positive Points By Year Group



Positive points totals by tutor group



Teaching & Learning :

A Focus on Great Teaching at King's Academy Brune Park

We all know that fantastic teaching is the key to your child's success, and we take developing our teaching staff incredibly seriously here at King's Academy Brune Park. It's not just something we talk about—it's something we work on every single week!

Our teachers participate in weekly professional development clinics where they dedicate time to refining their skills, reviewing the latest educational research, and sharing what works best in the classroom.

This term, we've launched a really exciting initiative: peer-to-peer teacher drop-ins. This simply means teachers are encouraged to pop into a colleague's classroom. It's a supportive way for them to observe, learn from, and show off examples of brilliant teaching. By sharing their best practice with one another, they ensure that the most impactful and engaging lessons are happening in every classroom across the academy, directly benefiting your child. We're committed to making sure your child is taught by the very best!



Young Minds Fundraiser

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.

Most importantly, we 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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YoungMinds, registered charity in England (2198965) and Scotland (SC039190)

Uk-Ukraine Partnership

King's Academy Brune Park has partnered with Zbarazh Lyceum Number 3 in Ternopil Oblast, Ukraine, to share the joy of reading and create connections between communities in the UK and Ukraine.

The schools have been matched through the British Council's UK-Ukraine School Partnerships programme. This unique new initiative supports schools to build lasting international partnerships and explore reading as a tool to expand horizons, build confidence and boost mental wellbeing. Classes will work together on activities to encourage reading for pleasure, building an understanding of each other's cultures through a common love for reading.



Do you have a concern or need to speak to a member of staff at school?

Please choose an appropriate way to communicate with us and give our staff the opportunity to work with you to resolve any concern, or to listen to your feedback.

Telephone communication:

- There will be a member of staff on reception available to take calls between 8.00am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.
- If Parents/Carers are requesting to speak with a member of the teaching staff please be mindful that they will be teaching from 8.40am to 3.15pm and will endeavour to return your call when possible, outside of teaching hours.
- 48 hours is a reasonable amount of time to expect a member of staff to call you back in a non emergency situation.

Email communication:

- Where possible, parents/carers should email the correct person or team directly.
- The school enquiries email is how your message can be passed on to the relevant person or team if you are unsure, or if it is a general query.

Face-to-face communication

- Sometimes a face to face meeting is the most effective way to communicate. These need to be pre-arranged at a mutually convenient time.

We would like to reiterate our ongoing thanks and support from the vast majority of our parents and families. As a strong community relationship will benefit the young people in our care and allow the safe running of our school site.

More details, including the contact details for key members of staff and teams in school, can be found here

<https://kgabrunepark.uk/contact-us/>

Year 7 News

Last Friday, 19th September, Year 7 visited Butser Ancient Farm and were an absolute credit to the school. Students fully engaged in the day, taking part in a range of hands-on activities including clunching, spinning wool, making pots, and exploring the Roman and Saxon houses. Staff at the farm commented on how enthusiastic and well-mannered our pupils were – well done, Year 7!

We are also delighted to see such fantastic attendance across the year group. A special congratulations goes to 701, who are currently on an amazing 100% attendance – keep it up!

It is wonderful to see so many of you embracing extra-curricular opportunities too. Sixteen Year 7 students joined in with netball club this week – a brilliant start to the year.

Finally, a big thank you to those who represented the school at the Year 6 Open Evening last night. Your help and enthusiasm made a real difference and showed prospective students and families what a welcoming community we have here.

Year 8 News

Year 8 are really starting to rise to the challenge of the new academic year. As we have been visiting classes students are enthusiastically talking about their classes and their learning.

During assemblies this term we have had a programme of British values. One of which was on the subject of Democracy where the tutor groups voted that pepperoni pizzas were the most popular!

Students in Year 8 have also been offered the opportunity to go skiing in Andorra. Please contact Mr Longden-Thurgood or your child's tutor for more information.

Year 9 News

As newly appointed Deputy Head of Year 9, I am extremely proud of the year group so far. I have walked into lessons, and the first thing I noticed is that their uniform looks super smart.

Secondly, students in lessons have been focused, working hard and producing high standards of work across many subjects. Teachers have been telling us how impressed they are with the way year 9s have started this year. They have awarded them over 8520 positive points so far which places us 2nd in the school! A brilliant achievement so far!

As for attendance, our year group is currently at 94.3% which is very close to the government's target of 95%; and also puts us 2nd highest in the school. A fantastic effort! So I would like to thank you parents/ carers for supporting us by making sure your child is coming into school dressed to impress, to work hard in lessons and keeping attendance high.

Also, extracurricular clubs and teams have started. Please encourage your child to take part in the clubs we have going on before school, breaks and after school. Below is a timetable of activities we have this half term.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school - 8am				All years Badminton - ACO	All years Fitness Suite - DLT
Lunchtime	Astro - Year 11 - GBO	Astro - Year 10 - JWH	Astro - Year 9 - ACO	Astro - Year 8 - LPQ	Astro - Year 7 - RAD
After school - 3.15pm - 4.15pm		• KS3 Football - JWH • All years Frisbee - ABS • Year 8&9 Swimming - GBO/LPQ	• KS3 Netball - GBO • Year 7 Swimming - JSS	• All years Volleyball - DLT • All years Darts - LPQ • Break 1 - Year 11 Revision - GBO	
Fixtures		Year 9 boys Football - JSS Year 8 girls Netball - DLT	Year 10 boys Football - LPQ Year 9 girls Netball - ACO	Year 11 boys Football - JWH Year 10&11 girls Netball - GBO	

Year 10 News

We're so proud of our Year 10 students for the fantastic start they've made to the year, gaining great momentum in their chosen subjects!

A quick reminder: the deadline for all subject change requests is **September 30th**. Please note that while we do our very best to accommodate these requests, we may not be able to approve all of them. This can be due to a few reasons, such as a class being full or the requested subject not fitting into a student's existing timetable.

Our timetabling team will be working on all approved changes over the next week. Thank you for your understanding!

Year 10 boys football team drew 1-1 against Bay House this week. We look forward to cheering on all our sports teams over the term as more fixtures get added.

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](#).

Year 11 News

It has been a pleasure to see so many of the year group working together in tutor with English and Maths teachers. This is an important part of the learning journey and many have made a wonderful start.

The same was said for the revision sessions that the year group have been attending. Walking around to see the sessions, students are engaged and and working hard to secure their personal outcome.

May we please remind you that students have Tassomai homework tasks to complete and it would be lovely to see the names of our leaders be different each week. Join the competition and see how it can change the grades and develop your understanding of the subjects being taught.

If students have any questions or issues regarding their studies, please ask them to contact their subject teacher and or tutor in the first instance.

Year 11 Team

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>

A Big Thank You

A Huge Thank You to Our Student Ambassadors!

We want to send a massive shout-out to the incredible students who helped make our Open Evening such a resounding success!

Our students truly did **King's Academy Brune Park** proud. From leading tours and demonstrating subject activities to confidently sharing their own experiences, they were the absolute best representatives of our school. They weren't just showing families around; they were selling and celebrating the vibrant culture and outstanding opportunities here.

Thank you for giving up your evening. Your enthusiasm, maturity, and passion left a fantastic impression on our prospective families. You are a credit to the academy!



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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Discover and grow your musical and ensemble skills in a welcoming, inclusive environment. Connect with fellow musicians, enjoy making music together, and take part in exciting performance opportunities, all with no audition required.

Where: The Henry Cort Community College, PO15 6PH

When: 6.00pm - 7.00pm on Thursday 23rd October 2025

Instruments: Brass, woodwind, strings, percussion, keyboard, piano, ukulele and guitar

Scan the QR code to sign up



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[GFYO Come and Play- sign up form](https://www.hants.gov.uk/hms)
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