



King's Academy  
Brune Park

# Parent Newsletter

## Friday 14th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Remembrance Service on school site this week was the best it has been in my time as Headteacher. Every student that attended the main service demonstrated respect and the silence after The Last Post was palpable. Seeing so many students in their cadets, guides and scout uniforms filled with me so much pride and they represented their groups so well - really setting an example to the rest of the school. Our Head Students Lily and Oscar read with confidence and emotion and Max played 'The Last Post' excellently. All of the adults that attended from across the school and the community hub have all commented on how respectful our students were.

This week it has been a real privilege to get into many lessons across the school and spend time with students looking at their learning. What has been most pleasing is to see so many students taking pride in their learning and challenging themselves in lesson. In our classrooms we want all students to be thinking hard to support this our teachers use a technique called cold calling that removes hands up, enabling all students to participate and be prepared to answer questions posed.

As we continue to improve our school we continue to refine and improve processes and procedures to support students. We are focused on ensuring that our students are making the most of every minute of every lesson alongside engaging in the many opportunities offered to them such as lunchtime clubs. If you are unsure about the opportunities we have available please see the clubs and societies section of our website which can be accessed here:

<https://kgabrunepark.uk/clubs-and-societies/>

Kind regards,  
Kerry Payne  
Headteacher



# Attendance :

## **More Than Just Numbers: The Feeling of Belonging**

This week, I was lucky enough to spend some valuable time with our Year 7 and Year 9 pupils discussing a range of topics concerning safeguarding, wellbeing, behaviour, attitudes, Inclusion and practice at KABP school .

The single, unifying theme that emerged throughout these conversations was the pupils' profound sense of belonging to our school community.

What truly motivates our students to come to school every day? It is the people and the relationships we build:

- **Positive Relationships:** Pupils spoke about the importance of being able to talk to specific members of staff who they felt understood them and could help if they faced a problem.
- **Community:** They expressed feeling like school was a key and supportive part of their wider community.

It is a genuine privilege to be part of this community and to spend time discussing school life with our pupils. Their insights reinforce the most fundamental truth about attendance:

"Children don't attend for systems. They attend for the people - the ones who know their name, their story, their spark."

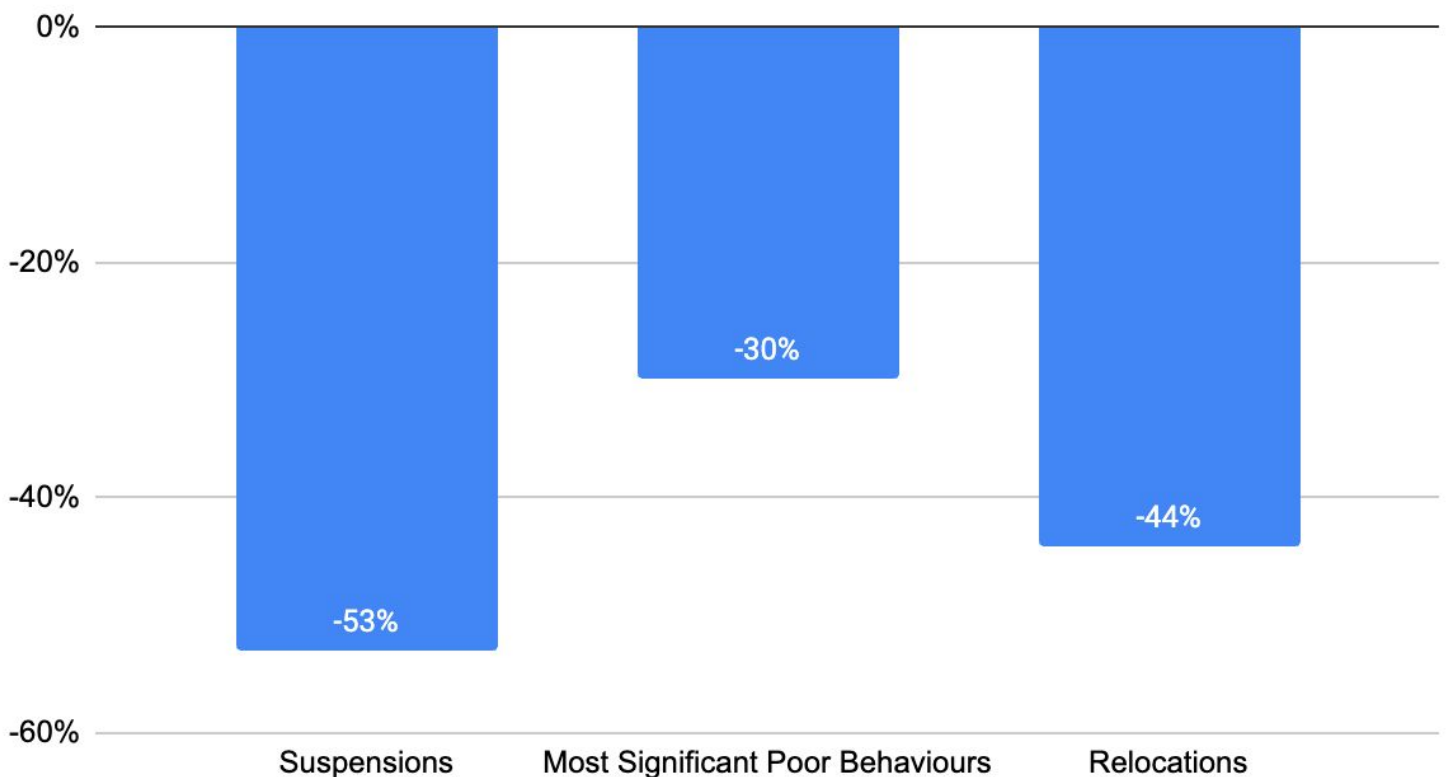
Thank you for continuing to support the environment where these vital connections flourish. Your child's attendance is a testament to the strong relationships they have here.



## Behaviour:

Our students continue to show real growth in honesty, faith and courage, and this is reflected in the significant improvements in behaviour across the school. Compared with the same point last year, suspensions have reduced by 53 percent, our most significant poor behaviours are down by 30 percent, and relocations have fallen by 44 percent. These improvements represent thousands of moments where students have made better choices, shown integrity in challenging situations, and demonstrated the courage to meet our expectations. We are incredibly proud of the direction our community is moving in and grateful for the partnership with families that helps make this progress possible.

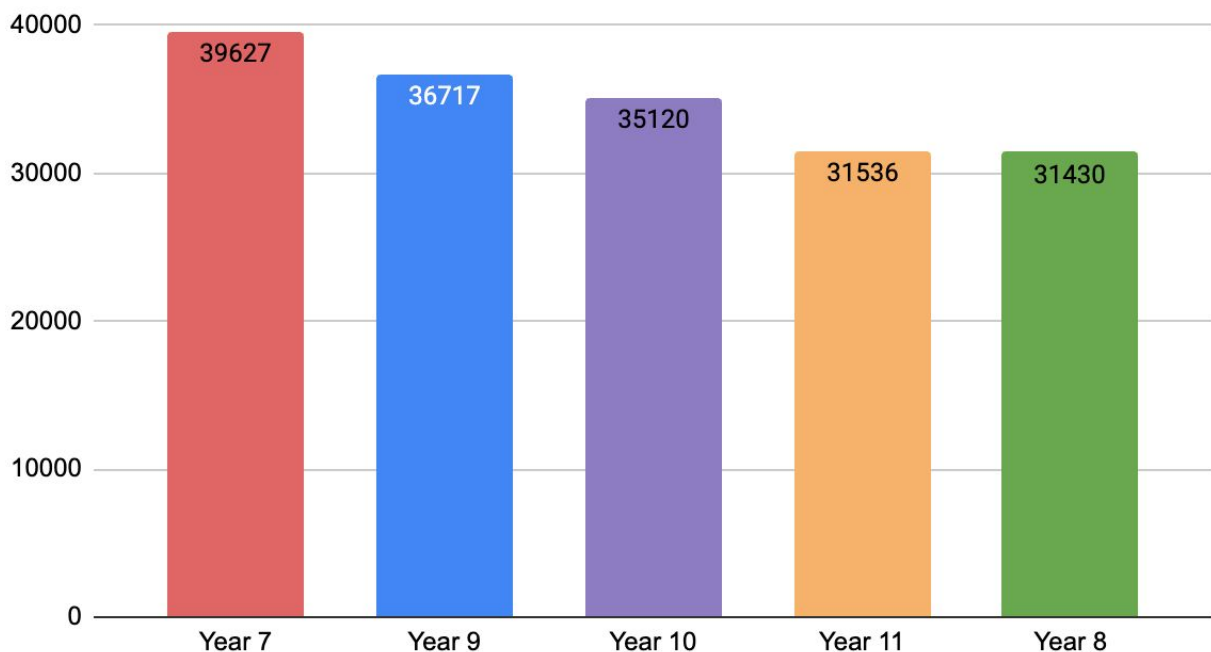
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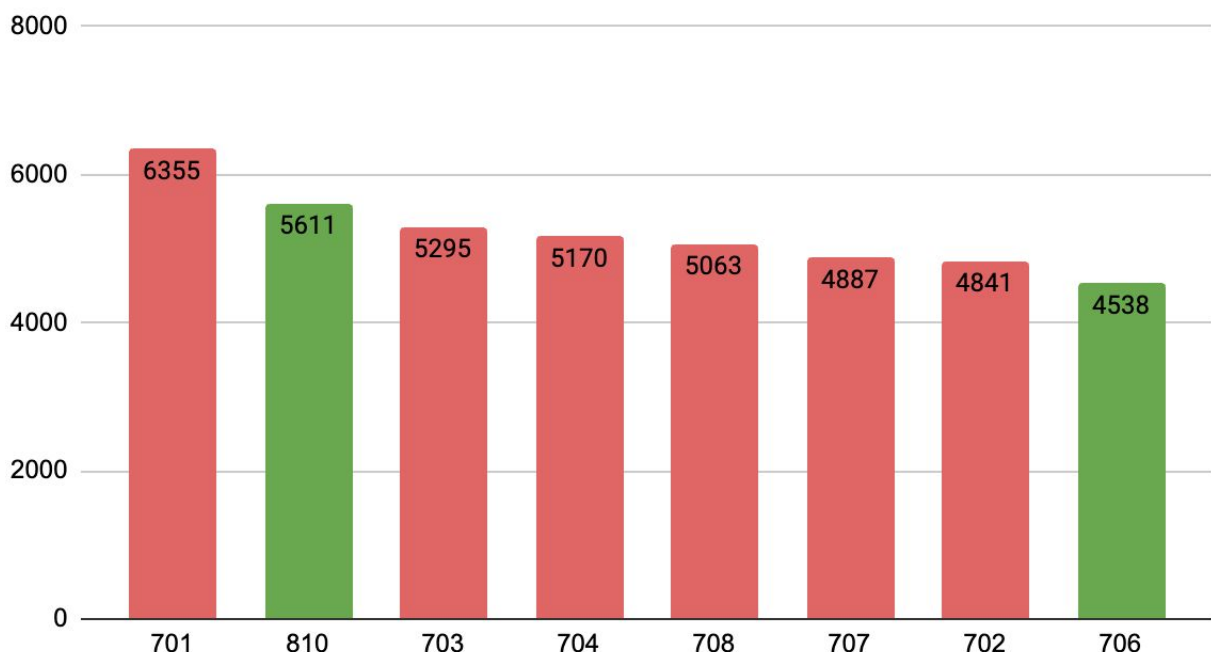
# Behaviour:

Our students continue to shine, showing real honesty, faith and courage in their learning and attitude. We are thrilled to share that an incredible **174,430 positive points** have now been awarded across the school. Year 7 remain in the lead with 39,627 points, followed by Year 9 with 36,717 and Year 10 with 35,120. Our top tutor groups this week are 701 (6,355 points), 810 (5,611) and 703 (5,295), all showing excellent teamwork and commitment. A special congratulations to our top students: **Fatoumatta Krubally** (352 points), **Aali Huntingford** (315), **Lucas Knight** (301), **Kitty Calderwood** (295) and **Lily Jenkins** (292). These achievements reflect the positive choices our students are making every day and the pride they take in being part of our school community.

### Positive points per Year Group



### Positive point by Tutor Group



## Update on Toilet Procedures

As part of our continued commitment to safeguarding and the welfare of all students, we are making a small but important change to how students access the toilet during lesson time.

From **Monday 17 November**, students will still be allowed to go to the toilet during lessons, but they must now be escorted by a member of staff. This change is designed to ensure that all students are safe and accounted for at all times during the school day.

To support this new procedure, we are increasing the number of staff on duty so that any student who needs to use the toilet can be escorted promptly and without unnecessary delay. **All toilets across the site will also remain open and accessible at every transition point, during both breaks, and before and after school**, so that students have plenty of opportunities to use the facilities throughout the day.

We have spent this week sharing this message with all pupils in assemblies and tutor times, as we wanted to explain the reasons for the change directly to them first. We now also wanted to take this opportunity to share the same information with parents and carers, recognising the importance of keeping you fully informed and involved.

Students who hold a **medical toilet pass** will be **unaffected** by this change. These students will continue to be able to use the toilet independently during lesson time, as long as they have their medical pass with them.

This update reflects our school values of **honesty, faith and courage**; being open about how we keep students safe, trusting each other to follow the system, and showing the courage to make changes that strengthen our community.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we work together to ensure the safety, dignity and wellbeing of every student in our care.

# Teaching & Learning :



## Teaching & Learning Drive Update: Streamlining Our Strategies

At King's Academy Brune Park , we are continuously working to refine and enhance the quality of teaching and learning for all our students. This week marks an exciting step forward in our ongoing professional development drive.

We have successfully launched and shared new **Teaching and Learning Folders** with all staff members.

- **What is it?** This resource acts as a "**one-stop shop**" for all things related to instruction at King's Academy Brune Park.
- **Why is it important?** The folders contain a comprehensive summary of all the key teaching strategies and successful pedagogical approaches we have developed across the Academy. By bringing all these effective strategies together in one easily accessible place, we ensure:
  - **Consistency:** Every teacher has immediate access to our shared, successful framework for excellent teaching.
  - **Efficiency:** Staff can quickly find and implement the best strategies, allowing them to focus more energy on planning engaging lessons.
  - **High Standards:** We maintain and further embed the high standards of teaching and learning that help every student thrive.

We are confident that this streamlined approach will further empower our dedicated staff and ultimately benefit your child's learning experience every day.

## Year 7 News :

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share that Year 7 attendance has been fantastic so far, with the year group averaging over 95%—thank you for your continued encouragement and support.

A huge well done to our boys' basketball team, who performed brilliantly this week and represented the year group with pride.

A reminder that, to attend the upcoming panto trip, students must maintain attendance above the required threshold. Further details will be shared soon.

We will also be supporting Jacob's Well with a donations drive. Information on how families can get involved will follow shortly.

Please also note that our Meet the Tutor Evening will take place on 27th November. When completing the booking form, please ensure that the details you enter match those held on Arbor, as this ensures appointments are allocated correctly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mr Cole, Miss Townend and Miss Demuth

## Year 8 News:

This week we were very proud that our very own Max Stocks played The Last Post at our Remembrance Day service. This was followed by a rousing The Reveille. The whole school was present and Max was pitch perfect.

During assembly this week we spoke about Honesty. Everyone makes a mistake and the ability to own the mistake, apologise if necessary is part of the social skills we develop as we grow into adults.

This week our book review comes from Mr Outterside-Hughes' 803 tutor group. They are reading My Name is Leon. It is a book about a 9 year old who is forced to take care of his younger brother but then they are separated when they are taken into care. Matilda Tandler says that the book is interesting yet rather depressing due to some of the horrible things that happen!

On a positive note, our Y8 basketball team played against Cams Hill and after a hard fought match were victorious!



## Year 9 News:

Year 9 did us proud this week in the remembrance ceremony, with students showing a great deal of respect. Many students attended in school in their cadets (or similar) uniforms and joined the ceremony.

One day this week year 9 were in the lead for the whole school on attendance. It's great to see the students becoming accountable for their punctuality and attendance and being able to talk about their attendance figures with staff.

This week as a year group we have been looking at and working on 'Respectful Communication' using the '3 Ps', politeness, patience and positivity. Seeing this in action from year 9s in having open communications with staff around any concerns and them advocating for themselves is a great step in them being ready for key stage 4.

Champions hour launched this week, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school to help students reach their daily goals on homework before they even get home, Year 9s are already putting this to good use.

## Year 10 News:

This week, many of our Year 10 students attended the school's Act of Remembrance. We were impressed by their attention to the readings and the way they conducted themselves throughout the service.

It has been wonderful to see a number of our students using the 'Champions Hour' which is available to all students every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school for homework completion. Students may come along for up to an hour on these days to complete their homework. For further details on Champions Hour students should speak with their tutors.

This week Miss Longden-Thurgood had the pleasure of visiting IOM7 who won the year team's attendance 'lucky dip'. All students who arrived on time to tutor were awarded with a fast pass for use in Footlights.

Please find attached the ultimate guide on how to contact employers this has been emailed to all students and Parents/guardians -

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/IdxQqL\\_gsDrLJ677oUtTVbMXvVgBGXmfepUUF00i6oXs/edit?tab=t.0](https://docs.google.com/document/d/IdxQqL_gsDrLJ677oUtTVbMXvVgBGXmfepUUF00i6oXs/edit?tab=t.0)

## Year II News:

This week, our Year II students demonstrated exceptional respect and maturity during the school's Remembrance Service. They listened attentively, observed the 2 minute silence with sincerity, and represented themselves and the school with pride. Their conduct reflected genuine understanding and empathy — we are very proud of how they honoured this important occasion. Particular thanks goes to Head Students Lily and Oscar for reading 'The Exhortation' and 'In Flanders Field' who did an incredible job.

As we move further into the school year, we're incredibly proud of the determination and maturity our Year II students are showing. This is a pivotal stage in their journey — a time when effort, consistency, and resilience truly make a difference.

Over recent weeks, many students have demonstrated real progress across all subject areas. Teachers have noted improved focus in lessons, greater engagement with feedback, and an increasing sense of independence in learning. Whether it's mastering challenging topics, developing revision habits, or taking part in mock exams, our Year IIs are showing that steady effort pays off.

Progress is not only about grades; it's about growth. We're seeing students take ownership of their learning, set personal goals, and support one another as they work toward their aspirations. Every step forward — big or small — is worth celebrating.

As parents and carers, your encouragement continues to make a huge impact. Talking regularly about learning, helping establish routines, and recognising progress (not just results) all help keep students motivated and confident. Together, we can ensure that every Year II student finishes the year proud of how far they've come.

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## Support Workshops :

Autism Hampshire are holding support workshops for parents to provide insight, advice and support prior, during or following a child's assessment and diagnosis for Autism.

The next course starts on Wednesday 21st January 2026, with sessions running online from 10.00am - 1.00pm.

Please click on the link below for further information and to book a place.

[Select tickets – Hampshire Parent Workshop Group 8 \(2026\) – Microsoft Teams](#)

Follow the link below for further information, advice and guidance.

[Information, Advice & Guidance Service | Autism Hampshire](#)





# Christmas Good Grub Club

Our Christmas Good Grub will be held on  
Wednesday 10th December 2025  
4.30pm till 6.30pm



**Come along and join us to make a  
Christmas recipe.**



If you would like to join us please use  
the QR code below to show your  
interest.

[Please use this link to sign up](#)



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# Free holiday activities & meals for eligible children this winter!

Children in Reception to Year 11 receiving benefits-related free school meals can enjoy fun activities and healthy meals for free this Christmas through Hampshire's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme!

Spaces are limited - book now!  
Scan the QR code below to check if you're eligible, find local HAF schemes, and book your child(ren)'s place



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# FAREHAM WINTER HAF SCHEMES



## Active8 Minds

Boundary Oak School (PO17 5BL)  
Wicor Primary School (PO16 9DL)



## Active Me 360

Orchard Lea Junior School (PO15 6BJ)



## CM Sports

Fareham Academy (PO14 1JJ)



## Globe Fit

Crofton Hammond Infant School (PO14 2DE)



## ID PE & Sport

Brookfield Community School (SO31 7DU)  
Hook-with-Warsash Academy (SO31 9GD)



## Superstar Sports

Northern Junior School (PO16 8DG)  
Titchfield Primary School (PO14 4AU)



## Y Services for Young People

Genesis Centre (SO31 6DX)

Please keep an eye on the FISH website as it will be regularly updated  
with available HAF schemes: <https://fish.hants.gov.uk>