



King's Academy  
Brune Park

# Parent Newsletter

## Friday 21st November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so pleased to inform Parents that our school now has a homework club, called 'Champions Hour', running three evenings a week. We know that many of our students like to head home knowing they have got their homework done. We have also been keen to respond to parents who have requested a place for their child to work quietly after school.

'Champions Hour' runs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm in J001. Students can complete Tassomai tasks, or any other piece of homework. There will always be at least one teacher available to provide assistance. Some tasks are best completed on a Chromebook and students are welcome to bring their own. Alternatively, there are always Chromebooks available. This session remains open for the whole hour but students are invited for as long as they like.

We hope parents have enjoyed seeing the build up of positive points and praise for their child as our teachers make a concerted effort to recognise students for their homework. Please do ask your child about their Daily Goals and the 'Tassimals' that they are earning - it has been fantastic to hear our students comparing which ones they have earned. We are thrilled that King's Academy Brune Park is in the top 5% of schools for Tassomai use, thank you for encouraging your child to complete their daily goals.

This week we have had the pleasure of hosting the Deputy Chief Executive, Sarah Brinkley, Director of Secondary for KGA Likhon Muhammad, Claire-Louise West Director of Primary for KGA and the Executive Headteacher of King's Academy Binfield to complete a Quality Assurance process with us. It was a really useful two days, identifying all of our continued improvements and next steps. I am really looking forward to sharing the report with you all in due course.

Kind regards,  
Kerry Payne  
Headteacher



## Celebration Friday :

Can you spot Miss Payne amongst all of our amazing students that were nominated for Celebration Friday?

We had students from all year groups join us in celebrating all of their efforts and achievements over the past weeks.

Well done to everyone who was nominated!



## Attendance :



We are incredibly proud to share the fantastic progress we are making together on our school-wide attendance mission! Your support in getting your children to school on time, every day, is truly paying off.

### ☀️ **Mission Attendance - Reach for the stars** ☀️

Since launching our focused attendance mission just two weeks ago, we have seen a significant improvement: the overall average attendance for the group has increased by a wonderful 2%! We are thrilled to see that pupils are keenly aware of their progress and are proudly sharing their attendance achievements with their teachers.

### 🎉 **100% Attendance Challenges!**

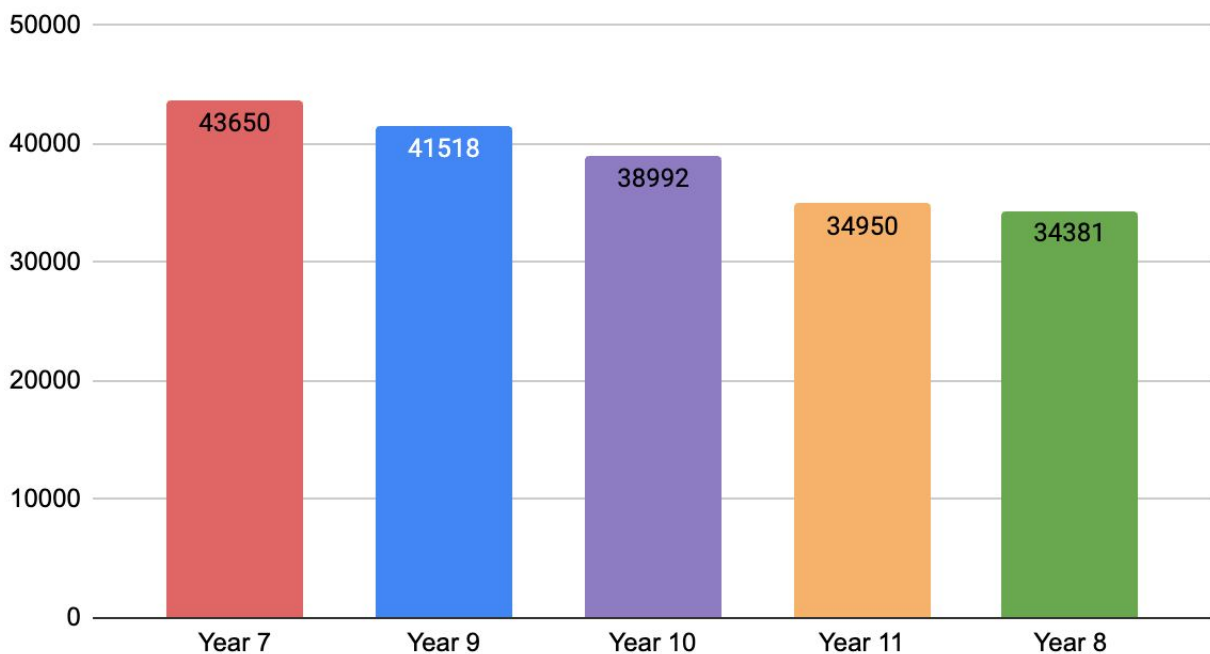
We also have a huge number of students participating in our attendance races. Currently, 649 pupils are in the 100% November Challenge! With only one week left, these children are on track to win a sweet treat or a 'skip the queue' prize. Additionally, over 640 pupils are still in the running for the coveted prize in the 100% Half Term 2 Attendance Race. Let's keep this momentum going! Consistent attendance is crucial for your child's learning and helps them build vital routines. Thank you once again for making attendance a priority!



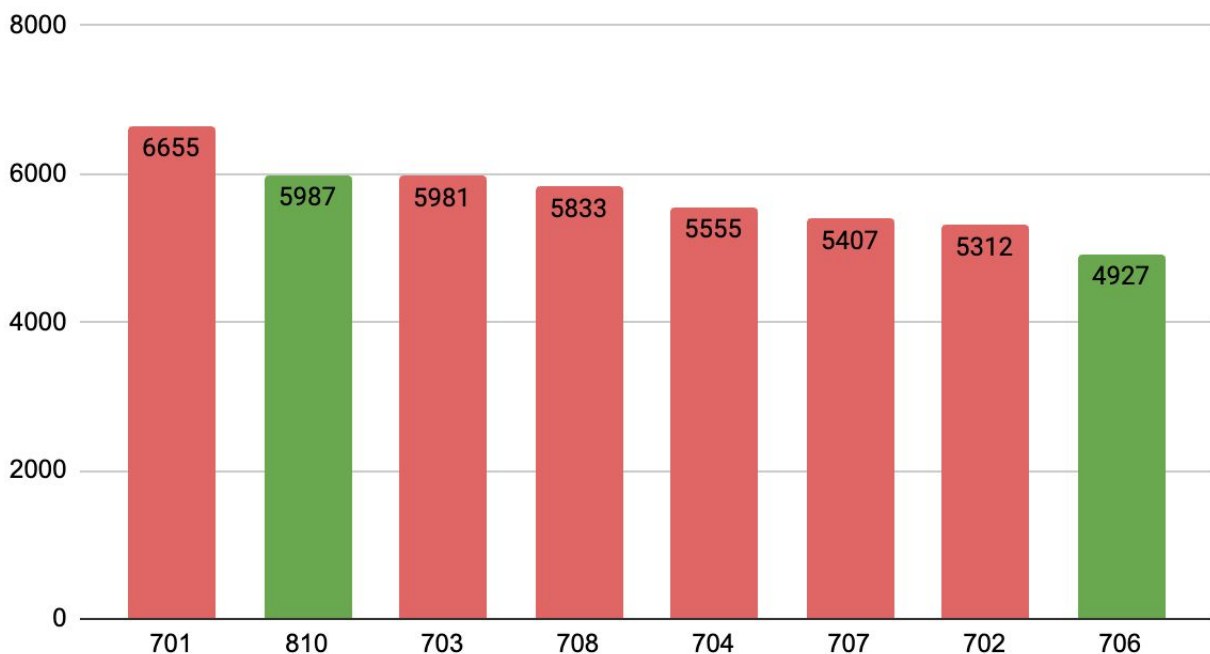
# Behaviour:

Our students continue to demonstrate honesty, faith and courage in their learning, and this is reflected in another fantastic week of positive points. We have now reached **193,491 points** across the school. Year 7 remain in the lead with 43,650 points, followed closely by Year 9 with 41,518 and Year 10 with 38,992. Our top-performing tutor groups this week are 701 (6,655 points), 810 (5,987), and 703 (5,981). A huge well done to our top students: **Fatoumatta Krubally** (404 points), **Aali Huntingford** (349), **Lucas Knight** (327), **Lily Jenkins** (325) and **Kinga Slepko** (316). These achievements highlight the consistent effort, positive choices and determination our students are showing every day.

### Positive points per Year Group



### Positive point by Tutor Group



# Teaching & Learning :

## **Tassomai - Hard Work Pays Off!**


Our pupils' fantastic commitment to **Tassomai** has placed us among the **top 5% of schools using Tassomai in the country** — and we're rewarding their success in style!

We're delighted to share some brilliant news about our pupils' achievements on Tassomai. Thanks to their hard work — and your encouragement at home — our school has been ranked among the **top 5% of schools nationally for overall engagement** , the **top 14% for pupil engagement** , and the **top 9% for parent engagement** .


This is an incredible achievement and a real reflection of the dedication our pupils, families, and staff have shown in supporting independent learning. A huge well done to everyone involved!

To celebrate and build on this success, we're putting an extra focus on **rewards and recognition** this half term. In assemblies we've been sharing how pupils can get involved and be rewarded for their efforts:

 **Weekly Tassomai Leaderboard** — reviewed in assemblies each week, with **half-termly prizes** for top users

 **Rewards and Recognition** — pupils will earn **positive behaviour points** for completing Tassomai goals or extra effort with homework, which can be traded for **fast passes** and **sweet treats**

 **The Pod** — will soon open once a week for pupils to **cash in 'tokens'** awarded by teachers for extra effort

 **Champions Hour** — Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school! Pupils can drop in for **10, 15, 20 minutes, or up to an hour** to complete homework or daily Tassomai goals in J001 Chromebooks will be available, and Champion's Hour is open to all pupils at 3.15 pm.

We're so proud of how our pupils are engaging with Tassomai, and we look forward to celebrating even more success throughout the year. Thank you for continuing to support your child in their learning journey!

# Safeguarding in the Community

At King's Academy Brune Park, the safety and wellbeing of our students is always our highest priority. We are proud of the continued improvements in our school culture, creating a safer, more secure, and supportive environment for all students, and we want to extend this same sense of safety into our wider community.

We would like to remind families about the importance of discussing *stranger danger* at home. A simple message we encourage students to remember is **“Just Say No.”**

If someone they don't know approaches them, offers something, or tries to engage them in conversation, children should feel confident and empowered to say no, walk away, and seek help immediately.

Here are a few helpful reminders to talk through together:

- Stay with friends or trusted adults when travelling to and from school.
- If approached by a stranger, remember “Just Say No” and move away quickly.
- If something feels wrong, trust your instincts and get to a safe place.
- Tell a trusted adult straight away – a parent, carer, teacher, or member of staff.

By keeping these conversations active, we strengthen our students' confidence and awareness. Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep every child safe, both in school and in our community.

HONESTY • FAITH • COURAGE

## Year 7 News :

Another fantastic week for Year 7!

It has been wonderful to see our students embracing new opportunities and showing such enthusiasm around school. This week, over 80 Year 7 students have been getting involved in a range of new sporting activities. Their energy, teamwork and willingness to try something new has been brilliant to witness.

We are also excited to share that Panto ice-cream selections will be released next week. Students will have the chance to choose their preferred flavour ahead of our upcoming pantomime trip.

In addition, the year group will soon be taking part in a food drive for Jacob's Well. More information will be sent out shortly, and we look forward to supporting this worthwhile cause together as a community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mr Cole, Miss Demuth and Miss Townend

## Year 8 News:

This week in assembly, Year 8 have been exploring the importance of *setting goals*—both in school and in life. We've talked about how goals can motivate us, help us focus, and give us something positive to work towards. Whether it's improving classwork, joining a new club, becoming more organised, or simply trying something new, students have been encouraged to think about the small steps that lead to big achievements.

We have also had a Year 8 competition: **Design Your Own Reward Postcard!** Students were challenged to create a postcard that teachers could use to recognise our core values of honesty, faith and courage. The results were fantastic—full of colour, imagination, and encouraging messages. It was brilliant to see so many pupils taking part.

As we move through the year, we hope Year 8 continue setting meaningful goals and supporting each other along the way. Remember: every big achievement starts with a small step. Keep aiming high! 🌟

## Year 9 News:

This week in assembly, we talked to Year 9 about 'Beginning With the End in Mind'. With GCSE options approaching, it felt like the right moment to pause and help them think about where they want to go and who they want to become. We reminded them that the small everyday habits—turning up on time, giving their best in lessons, staying focused—really do make a difference to their future choices.

We encouraged the year group to be honest with themselves about their strengths and the areas they want to improve, but also to recognise how much potential they already have. More than anything, we wanted them to feel confident and to trust that they are capable of great things. Year 9 is a big step, and it's normal to feel unsure at times, but choosing the right path often starts with just a bit of courage and self-belief.

Our hope is that they leave this week feeling motivated and excited about what's ahead. There are so many opportunities waiting for them, and with the right mindset and habits, they can shape a future they're truly proud of. We're with them every step of the way

**We also wanted to inform you that our Options Information Evening, originally scheduled for 20th November, has been postponed.**

The Government has recently released a national review of the curriculum and assessment, which includes important changes to how pupil progress will be measured. As a result, schools across the country are now taking time to review their Options Pathways to ensure they reflect the new guidance and meet the updated expectations.

Once we have completed this review and are confident that the information we provide is accurate and useful for families, we will share a new date for the event.



## Year 10 News:

This week's Year 10 assembly launched an important discussion around Stephen Covey's "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People," focusing specifically on three key principles: being proactive, prioritizing, and beginning with the end in mind. We have challenged our Year 10 students to reflect deeply on their GCSE journey so far. By using these three habits in conjunction with the KGA Brune Park core values of Honesty, Faith, and Courage, students are assessing their current position relative to their final Year 11 goals and evaluating the effort they have invested over the past eight weeks.

A huge well done to tutor groups 10M7 and 10B2, who achieved an incredible collective increase in tutor attendance of 3.15% and 3.4% respectively over the last week! To maintain this excellent momentum, we are reminding students of our attendance competition:

- The tutor group with the highest overall attendance for this half term will be invited to a festive breakfast on December 17th.
- The tutor group that demonstrates the most significant improvement will also receive a festive treat.

Work experience - This is a vital reminder that all students need to be actively applying for their Work Experience placement via Unifrog. We are providing dedicated support for this crucial process by using Wednesday tutor time to access Unifrog and send communications to prospective providers. Please take the time to discuss their application plans with your child. [Linked here](#) is a comprehensive guide detailing the Work Experience process.

# WORK EXPERIENCE



# Year 11 News:

Talk to someone...

GCSE students should prioritise their well-being by balancing study with rest, staying organised, and managing stress through techniques like exercise and talking to others. It's important to remember that your grades don't define you and to seek support from teachers, family, or friends if you feel overwhelmed.

Talk to teachers, tutors, friends, family and the year team.

## TOP TIPS

- Listen to what your teacher says. Your teacher is cheering you on and wants you to do really well. Don't see that as pressure, but as someone who really believes in you.
- Make sure you get plenty of sleep and stay well fed: sleep and food help keep the brain moving!
- In an exam, don't worry if there's something you can't answer. Take a deep breath! You can always move on and go back later. It's better to write something rather than nothing.
- Remember that your health and wellbeing is the most important thing.

TAKE A DEEP BREATH!

# Year II:

We congratulate Year II on a very positive first half term and the start to one of the most important years of their education. After school revision sessions run [as per this timetable](#) and we would encourage pupils to be attending these as much as possible

## The Year II Revision Conference 2025!

The revision conference takes place on Tuesday the 2nd December between 4.30 pm and 7 pm, following the sharing of PPE results that afternoon. This is an opportunity to come into school with your son or daughter and meet Subject Specialist teachers and learn more about how best to support your youngster at home with revision resources and techniques. We will share with you our top tips and you can come and have a look at some of our recommended resources. You can also speak with many of our Post-16 Providers who will also be in attendance to support your youngster with their next steps. Please keep an eye on your emails for your invite to the Revision Conference and how to confirm your attendance. We look forward to seeing you there.

The collage features several educational materials:

- Sociology Revision:** A whiteboard checklist with items like 'Information Booklet', 'Pack of Studies', 'Teacher Talk', and 'Questions?'. It also includes a 'Workshop Messages' sign and various posters.
- Biology Revision:** A collection of colorful posters on topics such as 'Fighting Disease', 'The Heart', 'Communicable Disease', 'Cardiovascular Diseases', 'Cells', and 'Mitosis'.
- Chemistry Revision:** A grid of cards explaining energy transfer concepts like 'Exothermic', 'Endothermic', and 'Thermal Energy', along with diagrams of energy flow.
- Business & Human Resources:** Worksheets for 'Organisational Structures', 'Recruitment & Selection of Employees', and 'Human Resources'. These include diagrams of organizational charts, tables for defining key terms, and sections for training and motivating employees.
- Other Resources:** A 'sample pages' section, a 'Subjects' board, and a 'Trips' board.

# Kings Academy Brune Park Careers Fair For Year 10 and Year 11 Students , Parents and Guardians

## Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 4:30pm- 7:15pm at school

### Year 11

Explore your future, bring your mock results day grades; chat with employers, apprenticeship providers & colleges. Discover options beyond Brune Park!

This is an amazing opportunity for all students parents and guardians to meet with all your options and make sure you are on the right path and understand your options . Please pop in at any time between 4:30pm - 7:15pm



### Year 10

Discover where your subjects & can take you beyond King's Academy Brune Park.  
*Welcome all*  
all parents & pupils!

Explore your future – meet employers, apprenticeship providers & options!

## 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.

## 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>

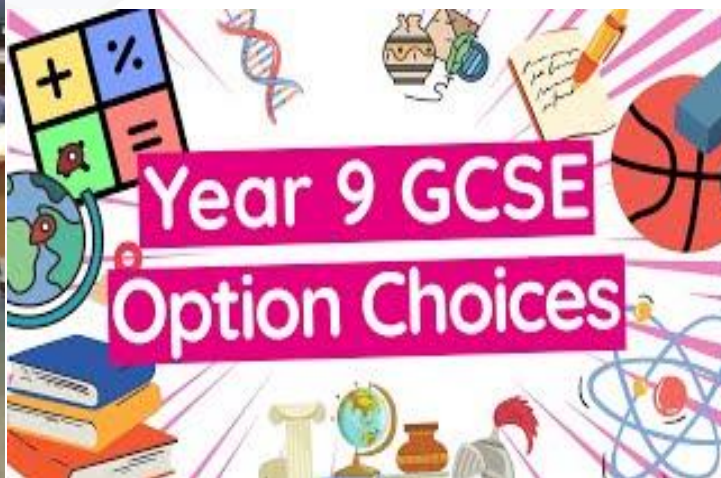
Year 9 - Choosing options support -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrjh92p#zjr8s82>

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/information/gcses/choosing-your-gcses>

<https://www.cvk.org/blog/year-9-options-2026/>

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/parent-zone/all-questions/how-can-i-help-my-child-make-their-option-choices-in-year-9-some-schools-make-option-choices-in-y8>



## 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](#)



# GOSPORT RUGBY



## TRY RUGBY

**GIRLS U6 TO U16**  
**SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER**

**10:30 - 11:30AM**

**PITCH 1 (IN FRONT OF THE PAVILION)**  
**TOUCH RUGBY AND SKILLS**

**HOT DOGS AND REFRESHMENTS**  
**UPSTAIRS IN THE**  
**CLUBHOUSE AFTERWARDS**

**GOSPORT & FAREHAM RFC, DOLPHIN CRESCENT, GOSPORT, PO12 2HE**



# 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>