



King's Academy
Brune Park

Parent Newsletter

Friday 16th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope the miserable weather and short days are not getting you down too much! Luckily our students seem keen to make the best of things and we have seen some of the best attendance figures of this Academic Year since the return from Christmas. Thank you so much for doing all that you do to encourage daily attendance.

Your child may well have told you that cycle and road safety have featured heavily in our assemblies this week. This is one of those things where the partnership between home and school is essential. We rely on your help to ensure our students are equipped with a helmet; one that is ideally bright with added reflective strips. We will continue to educate our students in terms of their responsibility as road users and we appreciate anything you can do to ensure your child receives the same message at home. It's one of those jobs that is never done!

It's been interesting to see how Australia has removed social media for school age children. We all know our students, to varying degrees, have a fascination for their phones, hence our policy of not permitting phone use during the school day. We believe firmly that growing up, knowing how to socialise and interact with other children happens in the moments when phones are forgotten. The two break times are particularly pleasing, in this respect, when we have the entire student population just being kids and interacting with each other.

I'm super proud of our Year 11's who have, this week, taken in their stride the addition of a lesson 7 on their timetable. These are taught revision sessions in Maths and English that run until 4pm. The final round of mocks is in ten school days' time and the Monday Assembly will focus on the best mindset as we approach those exams.

And to return to the theme of the dreadful weather: we would like to reassure parents that we have a wet weather plan that provides indoor spaces for children during both breaks and, for the very worst weather, we remove the choice and insist the children go indoors. I know many of you have been busy drying shoes to ensure your child is smartly dressed for school the next day. I really appreciate that.

Wishing you all the best for the weekend.

Kerry Payne

Headteacher



Celebration Friday :

The first Celebration Friday of 2026 was a fantastic way to start the year 🎉✨

We celebrated a small group of students for their brilliant achievements, hard work, and positive attitudes 🌟👏

It was a lovely morning that filled Mrs Longden-Thurgood and our students with smiles and set a great tone for the year ahead!



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Uniform :

Why are we still improving the standards of uniform?

1. **Identity** - our logo and our colours are symbols of our school. We take pride in being part of the Brune Park community
2. **Belonging** - our uniform symbolises a shared commitment to our education and shows we are part of a school community.
3. **Improved outcomes** - our appearance makes a statement. We dress in a neat and professional manner to show the best of ourselves. We look smart, think smart and work smart leading to improved outcomes.

A reminder of the uniform expectations

Blazer: KABP blazer is compulsory

Shirt & Tie - Students are expected to wear a plain white shirt, neatly tucked in, top button done up, with ties done up correctly and reaching the waistband in length.

Jumper - Grey jumper is optional. No other jumpers are permitted.

Skirt - KABP tartan skirt on or below the knee

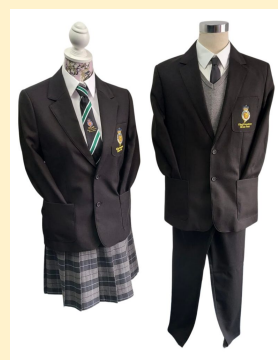
Trousers or shorts - Plain black, tailored, smart.

Socks/ tights - plain black only, no logos

Shoes - Plain black work style shoes/ ankle boots which are leather or leather-like (polishable)

Hair/ Nails/ Jewellery - No extreme hairstyles or colours. No coloured nails, false nails, gels or acrylics. One ear stud per ear, one clear nose retainer. NO rings, bracelets or necklaces.

This week we are focussing on jewellery and bright hair colours, please support this by making sure your child does not wear jewellery to school and has a natural hair colour.



Attendance:

Studybugs:

If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

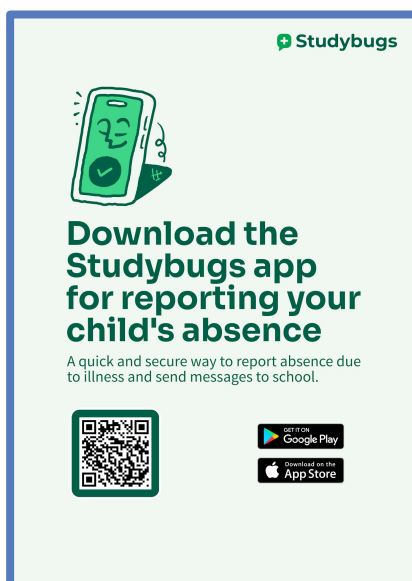
Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs

1. It's integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children's health. (<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)

Reminder: Reporting Student Absences

Please ensure that you report your child's absence **every day** that they are absent from school. Even if an absence is ongoing, daily notification is required to ensure our records remain accurate and to meet attendance requirements.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain student safety and regular attendance.



FOOTLIGHTS

SCHOOL CANTEEN

Great Selection of Hot & Cold Food!



If your son or daughter receives

Free School Meals

MAKE SURE THEY USE THEIR ENTITLEMENT EVERY DAY!

- Nutritious Meals
- Tasty Snacks
- Healthy Options



Don't let them miss out on a healthy, delicious lunch!

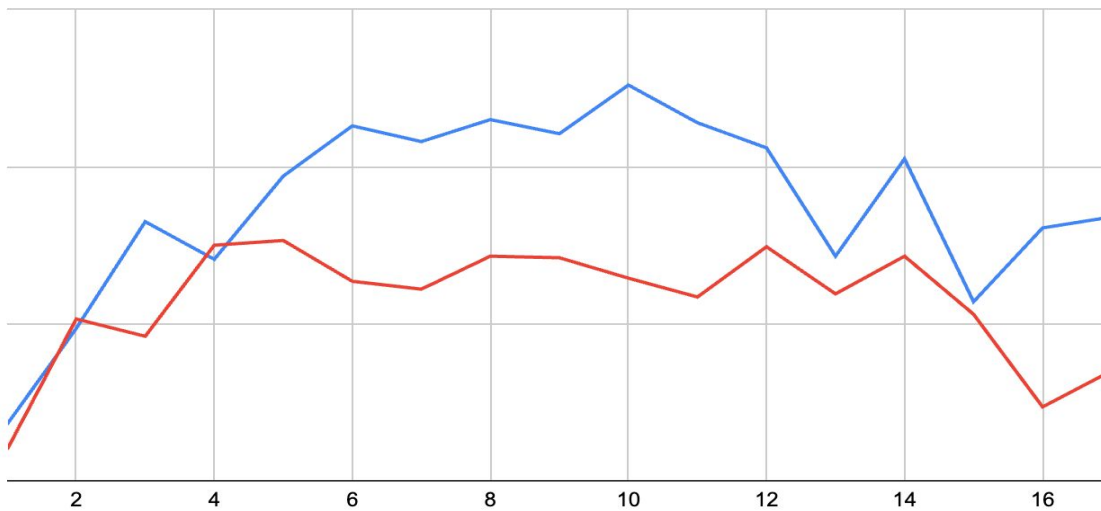
Behaviour:

We are pleased to share some encouraging news about behaviour and learning across the school. Over recent weeks, we have seen a clear improvement in how calmly and positively students are engaging in lessons, with fewer situations escalating and more learning time being protected for everyone.

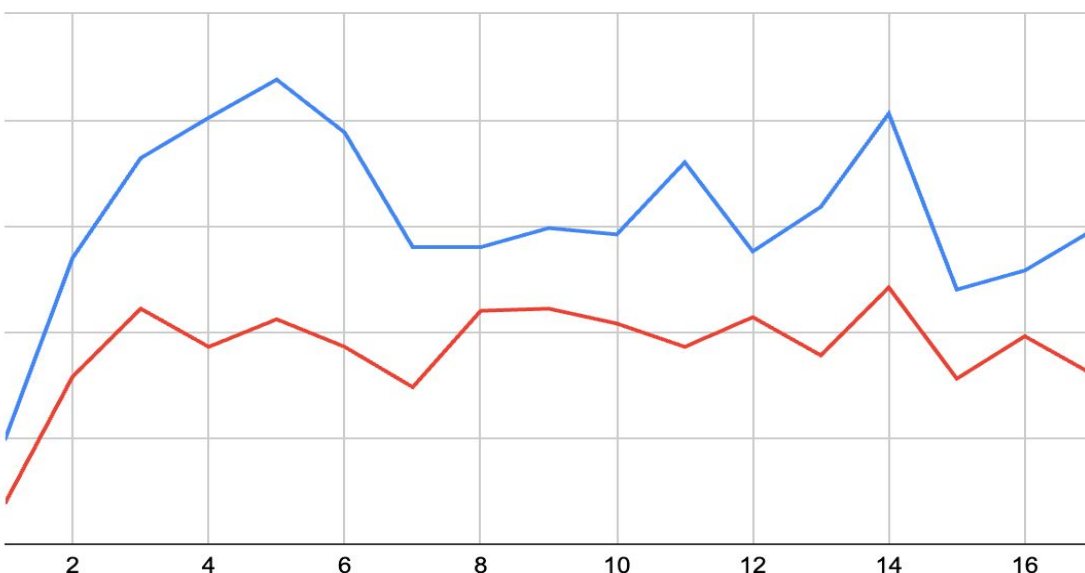
This reflects the strong routines in place, the high expectations we hold, and the consistent support students receive from staff. It also shows students rising to those expectations and making positive choices in line with our school values of honesty, faith and courage.

We would like to thank families for their continued support in reinforcing these expectations at home. Working together, we are creating a calm, focused environment where students feel supported to learn, succeed and move forward positively.

— Significant Behaviour Incidents in 24/25 (Avg per day) — Significant Behaviour Incidents in 25/26 (Avg per day)



— Relocations in 24/25 (Avg Per day) — Relocations in 25/26 (Avg Per day)




Options:

🎓 YEAR 9 OPTIONS INFORMATION EVENING 🎓

King's Academy Brune Park

 Thursday 22 January

 5:30pm – 7:30pm

 Main Hall and Dance Studio

Our Year 9 Options Information Evening is a key milestone as students prepare to move into Key Stage 4 and begin making their GCSE choices.

This evening is designed to help students and families feel informed, confident and supported as they explore the subjects and pathways available.


What to expect on the evening:

- Headteacher presentation explaining the options process (repeated at 5:30pm, 6:00pm and 6:30pm to allow flexibility)
- Opportunities to meet subject leaders and teaching

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- Time to ask questions about courses, expectations and next steps
- Guidance to help students choose subjects that match their strengths

 We strongly encourage students to attend with a parent or carer so families can explore options together and have informed discussions at home.

We look forward to welcoming our Year 9 students and families and supporting them through this important stage of their education.

Teaching & Learning:

From the Teaching & Learning Team: Elevating Every Lesson

This week, our teaching staff gathered for a dedicated Continuing Professional Development (CPD) session to refine a core pillar of our classroom practice: Adaptive Teaching.

Adaptive teaching is the process of adjusting instruction in real-time to meet the diverse needs of all students. While it sounds complex, it often starts with one vital skill: Checking for Understanding (CFU). Rather than waiting until the end of a unit or a formal test to see if a student "gets it," our teachers use specific techniques throughout every lesson to gauge progress in the moment.

Putting it into Practice

During our session, staff moved into their specific departments to collaborate on how these checks look in different subjects

Why This Matters

By consistently "checking the pulse" of the classroom, our teachers can pivot their delivery instantly—re-explaining a difficult idea for some while providing a stretch challenge for others. This ensures that no student is left behind and that every minute of lesson time is used effectively.

We are proud of the dedication our staff shows in constantly sharpening these tools to provide the best possible learning experience for your children.

International Ambassadors Forum:

We are delighted to share that a group of our International Ambassadors will be representing KGA Brune Park at the International Ambassadors Forum taking place on Wednesday 21st January at Binfield Learning Village.

This exciting event will bring together student ambassadors from across the King's Academy Trust to collaborate, share ideas, and explore ways to promote international cultures, diversity, and global opportunities within their schools.

During the day, students will take part in workshops and discussions focused on global citizenship and inclusion, before bringing new ideas back to Brune Park to help develop our growing international dimension.

We are incredibly proud of our students for their enthusiasm, commitment, and willingness to represent the school as part of this trust-wide initiative.



BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD

KGA GLOBAL STAGE FORUM

AT KING'S ACADEMY BINFIELD
ON WEDNESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2026



WANT TO KNOW MORE?
CONTACT YOUR INTERNATIONAL
AMBASSADORS OR MISS DE PIERO

OPPORTUNITY AND SUCCESS ON A GLOBAL STAGE



The poster features a background of a snowy mountain range under a green aurora borealis. At the bottom, there is a row of 17 icons representing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Year 7 News :

We are pleased to report that Year 7 has continued its positive start to the year. Students are settling well into routines and engaging positively with their learning.

We are informing you of a small change to some Year 7 core groups. Classes will continue to be taught in mixed-ability groups; however, a fifth progress set is being introduced. This set is designed to provide targeted support, allowing students to focus on specific areas of the curriculum where they may need additional help.

Placement in the progress set will be flexible, and students may move in and out of this group throughout the year as their needs change. If your son or daughter is moved into this set, you will be notified by the subject's KS3 Department Lead.

We believe this approach will help ensure that all students are supported appropriately and continue to make strong progress.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Mr Cole, Miss Townend, and Miss Demuth

Year 8 News:

Year 8 have continued to make a good positive start to 2026. Their attendance is continuing to improve on last term which may be as a result of their continued positivity.

We spoke about the importance of staying safe in assembly this week and in particular whilst they are riding their bikes. We have seen that many students do not have lights on their bikes which means that other road users cannot see them clearly. There is also a large proportion of students who do not have helmets which in these winter and icy months is particularly dangerous.

A reminder that all students need to be in full, correct school uniform every day which includes a bag.

Finally, we value communication with our community so please get in contact through the year office email below.

year-8-year-office-@kgabrunepark.uk

Thank You for your support.

Year 9 News:

It is great to hear all the conversations happening throughout Year 9 in regard to their options choices. A reminder of the options evening for next Thursday 22nd January 17.30-19.30. Year 9 are showing their ever growing maturity in considering future career paths and the way they are managing these conversations.

The Year 9 uptake for their teenage boosters was fantastic. Year 9 turned up for their immunisations showing a great level of maturity and support for each other.

Assembly this week covered staying safe in the community and the importance of having good personal hygiene.

Year 9 uniform and attendance continues to improve, which is great any concerns please do let the year office/tutors know.

Year 10 News:

It was wonderful to see so many families supporting our young people at the recent Work Experience (WEX) evening. Thanks to Miss Bailey's expert guidance, several additional placements were secured during the event.

Year 10 students have now dedicated six tutor hours to their applications. To ensure a successful placement, please support your young person to finalise securing their placements by using the resources that have been emailed out. These materials are also available on the Year Group Google Classroom.

We are excited to launch new incentives to celebrate consistent attendance this term:

- The "95% Club" ,any student with 95% attendance or higher is entered into a weekly draw for a Love2Shop voucher.
- To make this fair the attendance is taken from the 5th January (start of this term) to the end of each week.
- Tutor Attendance Race: Keep an eye on the weekly leaderboards as tutor groups compete for the top spot! The winning tutor group will win a week of fast passes to be used on their return from half term break.

With our first round of PPEs (Mock Exams) approaching, we encourage students to attend Champions Hour. This is an excellent opportunity to stay on track with Tassomai daily goals, which serve as a vital revision tool for exam success.

Year 11 News:

The year 11 team are incredibly impressed with the dedication that our KS4 students are showing toward their **Maths and English revision**. Maths and English period 7 lessons take place on a Tuesday and Wednesday at 3.15. These are timetabled lessons, so we ask that every Year 11 is in attendance. We are currently in a vital phase of the academic year, and seeing so many students "digging in" and taking ownership of their learning is fantastic. Whether it is mastering complex algebra or deconstructing Shakespeare, their hard work is evident.

How you can help at home:

- **The "Five-Minute Recap":** Ask your child to explain one thing they learned in Maths or English today. Teaching someone else is the best way to solidify knowledge!
- **Provide a "Quiet Zone":** A dedicated space for revision, away from distractions, makes a world of difference.
- **Focus on Effort, Not Just Grades:** Remind them that we are proud of the *process* and the work ethic they are building.
- **Encourage good attendance to lessons, including Period 7** Maths and English on a Tuesday and Wednesday after school. One of the biggest barriers to achieving Grade 4 or above is missed learning - by making sure your youngster is in every day you are giving them the best possible chance of success in the summer series exams.
- **Ensure homework is completed** - all the tasks being set by teachers are crucial opportunities to practice the skills, knowledge or techniques they need in the final exams

Thank you for your continued support in helping them reach their full potential.



BE A CHAMPION!



WHEN & WHERE: Tues • Wed • Thurs - 3:15pm | J001

WHAT'S THE DEAL?

- ✓ Drop in anytime
- ✓ Stay as long as you want - 10 mins or up to an hour
- ✓ Get homework DONE
- ✓ Calm, cosy classroom
- ✓ Bring your Chromebook (spares available)

BONUS POINTS 🎉 **5 Positive Points** just for coming 🧑 +5 MORE if you bring a friend who hasn't attended before

WHY COME?

- Finish homework early
- Less stress at home
- More free time later

KGA BRUNE PARK

CHAMPION'S HOUR

After School Homework Completion

★ Excellence • Achievement • Support ★

Year 11 Parents' Evening:

The Year 11 Parents' Evening will be taking place on Thursday 29th January between 4:00pm - 7:00pm (appointments will begin at 4:05 pm).

The booking system will open on Thursday 22nd January at 7:00 pm and close on Wednesday 28th January at 11:55 pm.

Please check your emails for further information and guidance on logging into the booking site and booking appointments

Year 11 Parents' Evening Thursday 29th January 2026



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City of Portsmouth College are hosting their next Open Event on Wed 11 February (4:30-7:30pm)

Visit their Highbury, Sixth Form or North Harbour Campuses to experience live demos, have your queries answered by their helpful staff & students, and get all the info about life at COPC.

They will have Welcome Talks at 5pm & 6pm on each campus.

Don't miss out - BOOK now to secure your place! Please note that only one ticket per family/group is required.

Click [February Open Event | City of Portsmouth College](#) to book your place and check which campus is right for you.

P.S. The cake & coffee are on us !

A promotional poster for an 'OPEN EVENT' at City of Portsmouth College. The top half features a vibrant, abstract background of green, blue, and purple. Two young people, a man and a woman, are smiling and wearing white t-shirts splattered with colorful paint. The text 'OPEN EVENT' is prominently displayed in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below the image, a purple banner contains the college's logo and name, the date '11 FEB', and the time 'WEDNESDAY 4.30-7.30pm'. At the bottom, a dark green bar includes the text 'Book now | copc.ac.uk' with a small star icon.

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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>

Your step-by-step guide to - APPLYING FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP

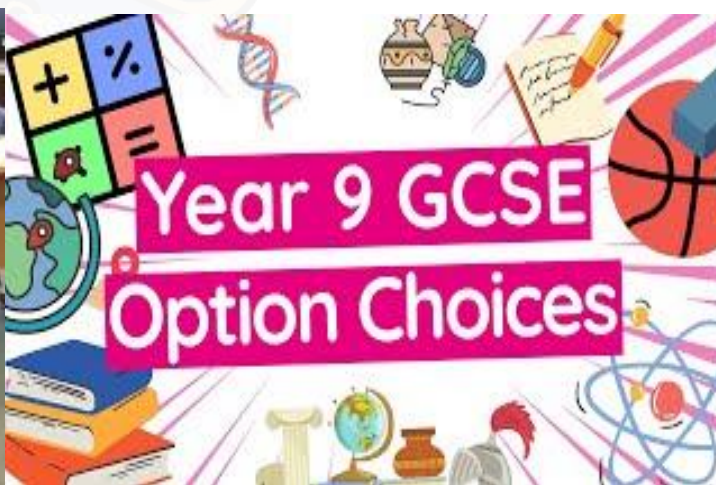
Year 9 - Choosing options support -

[What GCSE options are there? - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Careerpilot : Get information : GCSEs : Choosing your GCSEs](#)

[Year 9 Options 2026 - CXK](#)

[Careerpilot : Parent zone : All questions : How can I help my child make their option choices in Year 9 \(some schools make option choices in Y8\)](#)



Breakfast club incentive:

We want to encourage all our students to start their day with a healthy meal. To reward consistent attendance, any student who joins us for **9 Breakfast Club sessions** will receive a **Fast Pass**. It's the perfect way to fuel your brain and get a head start on the day!



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STARGAZING 2026

Join us for our annual stargazing event!

Wednesday 28 January
Portland Building, PO1 3AH
18:00 to 20:30 - with entry at 18:00 and 19:00

DISCOVER MORE
AND BOOK

port.ac.uk/stargazing





Prom Dress and Suit Event **Saturday 28th February** **2026**

1pm till 3pm
Find Your Perfect Look for Free!

We have a variety of sizes and styles to help you feel your best at prom, all kindly donated.

Prefer a private fitting? Email us or call to book a one-on-one appointment at your convenience

For questions or to book an appointment, email us at gospportcommunityhub@kgahampshire.uk or call 02392 616017

**The Gosport Community Hub,
Military Road,
PO12 3BU**



YOUTH IMPACT

Foundation Programme

- Feb Half Term (Mon 16th - Thu 19th Feb)
- Year 7-9 Students (11-14 year olds)
- 10am-4pm every day
- Programmes in Basingstoke, Eastleigh, Fareham and Winchester.
- Join for 2 or 4 days.

Programme Highlights

- Inflatables and teambuilding games
- Workshops include: first aid, public speaking, cooking challenges, resilience building and managing money.
- Small pre planned community project.

FREE FOR STUDENTS THAT RECEIVE FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND ARE HAF ELIGIBLE



£99

On the Youth Impact Foundation Programme, you'll enjoy four fun-packed days full of teamwork, challenges, and new skills. You'll take part in exciting teambuilding activities and inflatables, learn lifesaving skills in a first aid workshop, get hands-on in a cooking session, and build confidence in debating workshops. You'll also learn how to manage money and work together on a small social action project, showing how young people can make a positive difference — all while having fun and making new friends.

WHY TAKE PART?

- ✓ Learn life skills
- ✓ Meet new friends
- ✓ Gain confidence
- ✓ Have fun!!!

SIGN UP!

Empowering youth to make positive impact.



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www.theyouthimpact.co.uk/foundation



King's Academy Brune Park Alumni

We would love to gather information from previous students of Brune Park and celebrate your success and highlight your career paths. Please fill out this Google Form to register your interest. If you have a career or success story you would like to share, please complete the survey.

Link here - <https://forms.gle/mFCCiRhCB7j6cG2Z6>



If you have any questions, please email our school's Careers Advisor - lbailey@kgabrunepark.uk

<https://forms.gle/Yjb9RVyxBng5i5iW6>