



King's Academy
Brune Park

Parent Newsletter

Friday 23rd January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an exceptionally vibrant week across our school, filled with moments of inspiration, creative exploration, and personal growth. Our students continue to represent our community, themselves and our school with the highest of standards. In all that we do we aspire for all students to achieve our vision of opportunities and success on a global stage. This week there have been many events that demonstrate the rich and diverse offer at King's Academy Brune Park (KABP).

We are incredibly proud of our International Student Ambassadors who represented KABP at the KGA Global Stage Forum this week. This event provided a prestigious platform for our students to collaborate with peers from across all 15 schools in KGA, discussing issues facing our world and what they, as global citizens and leaders of change in their school communities, can do to improve the future for all of us.

To support our Year 10 students as they progress through their GCSE drama curriculum, we were delighted to host the Box Theatre Company. The visiting performers delivered a dynamic session designed to bring complex texts and themes to life. By experiencing drama in an immersive setting, our Year 10s have gained a deeper, more visceral understanding of their coursework. It was fantastic to hear about the exemplary engagement and behaviour during these sessions.

Some of our Year 8 students have continued on their exciting journey with the Jon Egging Trust (JET). This project focuses on developing core life skills—such as teamwork, resilience, and communication—inspired by the world of aviation and STEM. It was delightful to hear how well our students represented themselves and our school.

A group of Key Stage 3 students took to the water this week for their sailing sessions. These excursions provide a unique opportunity for students to learn technical maritime skills while fostering independence and problem-solving. In addition to our time on the water, another group of students enjoyed a truly memorable visit to Goodwood. The highlight of the trip was witnessing a lamb being born— the students (and adults) were so excited!

Kerry Payne

Headteacher



Attendance:

☀️ Spring Term I: Celebrating Attendance Success!

As we reach the midpoint of the first Spring term, we remain dedicated to recognising and celebrating the pupils who show up and give their best every day. We know that consistent attendance really does make the difference in a child's progress and confidence.

📈 Year Group Highlights


The competition is heating up across the school, and the numbers are fantastic:

- **Year 7 are Smashing it:** A huge well done to Year 7, who have reached highs of **95% attendance** recently!
- **Year 9 are Chasing the Leaders:** Year 9 are hot on the heels of Year 7, achieving an impressive **93.5%** on Wednesday this week.
- **Year 11 Focus:** We are working closely with our Year 11 pupils to prioritise **punctuality**. With the forthcoming PPE (mock) exams, arriving on time and ready to learn is more important than ever.











🕒 Top Tip for Year 11: The "Power of the Prompt Start"

With PPE exams fast approaching, punctuality is more than just a school rule—it's an **exam-day essential**.

- **Reduce the Stress:** Arriving just 5–10 minutes early allows the brain to "settle" and move out of a rushed state. This leads to better focus when the clock starts.
- **The "Instructions" Advantage:** Missing the start of a lesson (or an exam) means missing vital instructions that can make the difference between a good grade and an exceptional one.
- **Build the Habit Now:** Treating every school morning like an "Exam Morning" now makes the actual exam period feel like just another day in the routine.



Year 11: The 'Exam-Ready' Morning Routine Checklist

🌙 The Night Before (Preparation is Key)	☀️ The Morning Of (Calm & Focused)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pack school bag (books, pencil case with exam kit) 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wake up to the first alarm 
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lay out full uniform 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydrate & eat a healthy breakfast 
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare lunch & water bottle 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Get dressed & quick personal hygiene 
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Set alarm (and a backup!) 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grab ready-packed bag & lunch 
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wind-down routine (no screens before sleep) 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leave house on time (aim to arrive 10 mins early) 

👍 Goal: Arrive Calm, Prepared, and Punctual for Every Lesson & Exam! 👍

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!

Positive Behaviour

281,782



Year Group Points

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 10	Year 11
63271	49571	62493	55395	55395	51,052
9,199	9,099	8,609	8,465	8,465	7,960

Best Tutor Groups

Year 7 Best		
701 Year 7	701	9,199
708	708	9,099
810	810	8,609
703	703	8,465

Top Students

701	Krubally, Fatoumatta	700
708	Baglow, Bobby	529
810	Kinga Slepko	523
703	Aali Huntingford	507
702	Toya Stone	497

Options

Thank you to all families who attended our Year 9 Options Evening on Thursday. The turnout and engagement throughout the evening was fantastic, and it was genuinely encouraging to see so many thoughtful conversations between students, parents and staff about next steps into KS4.

Next steps and key dates:

- Options process opens: Thursday 22 January 2026
- Options choice window closes: Monday 23 February 2026

To support you in making an informed choice, all key information is available online, including the option blocks, subject information, and guidance on how choices are allocated:

- Options information page: [KGABP-Options-Website](#)
- Options selection form: [KGABP-Options-Selection-Form](#)

A few helpful reminders:

- Take time to talk through strengths, interests and future aspirations with your child.
- Encourage your child to ask questions of subject teachers over the coming weeks.

If you have any questions or would like further support, please contact the school and we will be happy to help.

Thank you again for your time and for the positive support you give your child as they make these important decisions.

Online Safety & Digital Footprints

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding, we want to remind families about the importance of online safety and understanding digital footprints.

Everything we do online leaves a trace. Photos, comments, likes and messages can be shared, saved, or resurfaced later, even if they are deleted. It is important that young people understand that their online behaviour can have long-term consequences for friendships, wellbeing, education, and future opportunities.

We encourage parents and carers to:

- Talk regularly with your child about how they use social media and online games
- Remind them to think before they post or share
- Check privacy settings together and review who can see their content
- Reinforce that online interactions should always reflect our shared values of respect and kindness

At school, we continue to educate students about staying safe online, making responsible choices, and knowing where to seek help if something makes them feel uncomfortable.

By working together, we can help our young people develop positive, safe, and responsible online habits.

Search, Screening & Confiscation procedure update :

As part of our ongoing work to maintain a calm, safe and supportive environment for learning, we are updating our searching procedures.

From 02/02/26, where we have reasonable grounds to search a student (for example, where we suspect a prohibited item may be present), authorised staff may use a hand-held metal detector wand to assist with that search.

What families and students can expect

- Searches will be justified, proportionate, and carried out with respect and sensitivity.
- Staff will explain why a search is needed, how it will be carried out, and give the student an opportunity to ask questions.
- Wherever possible, searches will take place away from other students.
- The staff member conducting the search will be the same sex as the student, with another member of staff present as a witness, except in the limited urgent circumstances set out in national guidance.
- Searches do not involve removal of clothing beyond outer clothing. The wand is used as an additional tool to support a safe and efficient search.
- We will take account of individual needs and make reasonable adjustments where required, including for students with SEND or a disability.
- Relevant searches will be recorded, and parents will be informed as soon as is practicable, including the outcome and any next steps.
- If a search identifies a safeguarding concern, our safeguarding team will be involved to ensure the right support is put in place.

Thank you for your continued support as we strengthen procedures that help keep our school safe and ready for learning.

References:

[Searching, Screening and Confiscation \(DfE, July 2022\)](#)

[Keeping children safe in education 2025 \(DfE, September 2025\)](#)

Teaching & Learning:

Teaching and Learning Update: Empowering Every Student

At King's Academy Brune Park , we are committed to ensuring that every student, regardless of their background or starting point, has the tools and support they need to thrive.

In this week's **Teaching & Learning Clinic** , our staff came together to focus specifically on **strategies to support our disadvantaged learners**. These weekly clinics serve as a dedicated space for our educators to collaborate, reflecting our school-wide culture of continuous improvement.

Collaboration for Success

Staff arrived ready to share "what works," exchanging evidence-based insights to ensure our classroom practice remains inclusive and ambitious. Key themes from our discussion included:

- **Removing Barriers:** Discussing practical ways to ensure all students can access a challenging curriculum.
- **High-Impact Feedback:** Sharing techniques to provide immediate, actionable guidance that helps students close learning gaps.
- **Building Confidence:** Focusing on strategies that empower students to take ownership of their learning and feel successful in every lesson.

It was inspiring to see such a wealth of knowledge shared across the team. By refining these strategies together, we ensure that every child at Brune Park receives the high-quality instruction they deserve.

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Year 7 News :

We would like to say a huge well done to all our Year 7 students for an excellent start to the year. We have had a visit from the Army Cadet Force, if anyone is interested please complete the form below

Any student who wishes to find out more can submit an expression of interest via https://armycadets.com/join-as-a-cadet/eoi/?unit_id=1164&search=Gosport&lat=50.8063670&lon=-1.1586050

As mentioned in previous newsletters - the year team are organising a residential to the New Forest Activity Centre. We will be in touch next week regarding approximate costings. If you child/ children are interested can you please complete the google form below.

<https://forms.gle/X2xJ8VuxKHYLefBY7>

Year 8 News:

Visit from Hampshire and Isle of Wight ACF

This week we were delighted to welcome a visit from the local Army Cadet Force who presented in an assembly. There are plenty of reasons to become a cadet, including:

- Making new friends and being part of a community
- Gaining confidence and leadership skills
- Taking part in exhilarating outdoor activities
- Earning Duke of Edinburgh Awards and qualifications
- Travelling and taking part in national and international camps
- Giving back to your community with volunteering opportunities

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Year 9 News:

Year 9 Options Evening – Thank You

It was great to see so many parents and carers at our Year 9 Options Evening. The turnout was excellent, and the positive atmosphere throughout the evening really stood out.

These events are so valuable because they give families the chance to talk things through together, ask questions directly to subject teachers, and help students feel supported as they start making important decisions about their next steps. Having parents involved in the process helps students feel more confident and reassured, and it often leads to much more meaningful conversations at home afterwards.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend and engage so positively. Your support makes a real difference, and we really appreciate it.

Year 10 News:

Year 10 is about more than just exams; it is about discovery and personal growth. Whether your child is beginning to research work experience placements or attending their first careers fair, we encourage you to engage in "future-focused" conversations at home. Discussing their strengths, interests, and potential career paths helps bring their current studies to life and provides a clear "why" behind their hard work. We are proud of the independence our students are developing and look forward to supporting them through the tutor programme and informative assemblies as they begin to shape their own futures.



Our GCSE Spanish class visited Portsmouth University this week where they took part in a number of activities including attending lectures focused on living abroad, translation, German and careers, as well as a mandarin taster session. The students loved interacting and speaking the target language, they particularly enjoyed the interpreter session where they got to go into the booths and translate what the lecturer was saying in Spanish.

Year 11 News:

As we move further into the academic year, our Year 11 students are working hard to prepare for their upcoming mock GCSEs. There are only a couple of weeks to go! This term, we're placing a strong focus on **building consistent study habits** and **closing knowledge gaps** — and one of the most effective tools helping us achieve this is **Tassomai**.

Tassomai is an online learning platform that uses short daily quizzes to help students revise key concepts in English, Maths and Science as well as other GCSE subjects. The system adapts to each learner, targeting areas that need improvement and reinforcing prior knowledge through regular, low-stakes testing. Research shows that this approach significantly improves long-term memory and exam confidence.

We encourage all Year 11 students to **use Tassomai regularly** — **as guided by their subject teachers**. A small daily effort quickly adds up, supporting classroom learning and ensuring students stay on track with their revision.

Parents and carers can support by checking in on their child's progress through the Tassomai dashboard, celebrating their consistency, and helping to establish a regular study routine.

We are celebrating progress and use of Tassomai in Assembly each week with subject leaderboards. Our top performing students this week are:



ENGLISH

Macy Chrystie

MATHS

Isabella Hunt

SCIENCE

Nancy-May Shann

HISTORY

Macy Chrystie

GEOGRAPHY

Bobby Baglow

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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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 , and 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**
- Havant and South College application deadlines are on **Friday, 30th January 2026**
- Military Mentors College application deadline **Friday, 30th January 2026**
- Itchen College application deadline **Friday, 30th January 2026**

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

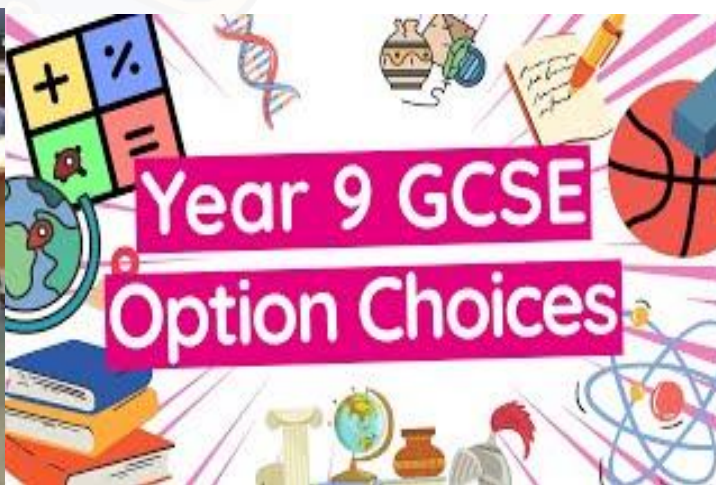
Year 9 - Choosing options support -

[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 \(some schools make option choices in Y8\)](#)





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**



P.A.C.E

2026
PARENT & CARER EVENTS

Free health & wellbeing events for all parents & carers who support or work with young people

DATE	LOCATION
26 February	Basingstoke
16 April	Eastleigh
8 May	Lyndhurst
25 June	Andover
5 October	Havant
23 October	Waterlooville



Scan this QR code to view our session itinerary for the day

EMBRACING AUTISM

Three days that focus on skills and strategies, for parents, carers and professionals supporting a child with Autism

4 February Havant

9 July Eastleigh

17 November Andover

UNDERSTANDING ADHD

Three days that focus on skills and strategies, for parents, carers and professionals supporting a child with ADHD

5 March Eastleigh

16 September Havant

3 November Andover

Stopping Avoidable Suicides Initiative SASI

Hampshire CAMHS are offering a one-day training event on suicide prevention across three different locations in Hampshire

27 February Andover

11 June Waterlooville

2 October Eastleigh

HOW TO COPE WHEN YOUR CHILD CANT

Three one-day events focused on parents/carers understanding their own needs, and learning strategies to look after themselves as they support a young person with their own mental health needs.

22 January Winchester

15 May Eastleigh

30 September Basingstoke

Trauma

Understanding the impact of trauma on a young person's brain, body and behaviour and how we can guide them from surviving to thriving

4 June Basingstoke

7 October Havant

Anxiety

Understanding & strategies to support young people

28 January Basingstoke

11 November Havant

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION & ADVICE SESSIONS



The first Wednesday of every month

10am - 2pm

The Arc, Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8SB



You can book an appointment on our website



Or just drop in and see us

NHS
Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

PARENTS, CARERS AND PROFESSIONALS EVENTS

2026



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hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM MEDICAL WORK EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS (AGES 14-18)

February Half-Term Medical Work Experience Week in London, from 15th - 21st February 2026 designed for students interested in studying medicine or healthcare.

When: 5th – 21st February 2026 (February Half Term)

Where: London Hospitals (Pickup, Accommodation, Meals and Staff Provided)

Who: Students aged 14-18 who are interested in careers in medicine.
Group size 30.

What: In person medicine experience with visits to Hospitals in London, fully supported by an extensive staff team and attended by students from all over the UK. A certificate and reference are included.

Students can [view all details of the course here - https://www.premedprojects.co.uk/course/medicine-work-experience-london-1-week](https://www.premedprojects.co.uk/course/medicine-work-experience-london-1-week) and should register by the 30th January 2026 to take part.



E: info@premedprojects.co.uk
W: www.premedprojects.co.uk

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FIRST STEP - Year Groups 7-9

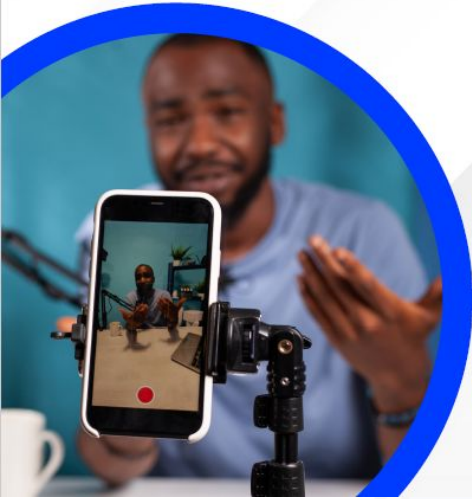
Want to be a YouTuber? Dig into the data sources that could make you go viral.

Wednesday 28th January - 4.30 pm

NEXT STEP - Year Groups 10-13+FE

Google Joins Forces with Gen Z Creators to Launch the Pixel 10!

Thursday 29th January - 5.00 pm



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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

1

Medical Student & Doctor Talks

Ask questions, hear real experiences and get honest advice from current medics

2

Workshops

Interactive sessions covering interviews and UCAT tips, clinical skills and history taking

3

Networking Opportunities

Connect with current medical students and recent graduates from widening backgrounds

4

Free Resource Packs

Take home practical guides and tips to support your medicine application

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QR CODE:



MORE INFORMATION

- OPEN TO **YEAR 10–13** STUDENTS WHO ARE CONSIDERING STUDYING MEDICINE
- **FREE LUNCH AND SNACKS** FOR ALL ATTENDEES
- **TRAVEL COSTS CAN BE REIMBURSED** IF YOU'RE ELIGIBLE
- **SPACES ARE LIMITED** – SIGN UP EARLY TO SECURE YOUR PLACE!