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Dear Parents and Carers / Annwyl Rhieni a Gofalwyr,

We are having a very successful half-term at King Henry VIII 3-19 School. Our value of the month for October is Ambition and I am always impressed by the strong desire to achieve highly that so many of our pupils show on a consistent basis. Many of our pupils are well on their way to achieving their Bronze Award for this academic year, and have received many merits for all their efforts. Well done all, we are so proud of you.

Upcoming events

10 th October	Primary Phase Parent and Carer Check-in meetings
10 th October	Year 13 Parents' Evening
10 th October	Hello Yellow Non-Uniform Day (whole school)
18 th October – 9.30am	Harvest Assembly (Dosbarth Teigr – Ms Davies' class)
24 th October – 3.45pm	Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 Halloween Disco
24 th October – 4.45pm	Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 Halloween Disco
28 th October – 1 st November	Half term
6 th November	Training Day (school closed to pupils)

Parents and carers will be sent separate information relevant to their child's year group.

Non-uniform day

On Thursday 10th October it is World Mental Health Day where schools across the United Kingdom will be wearing yellow to highlight that children and young people are not alone with their mental health. We stand brighter, together. On this day our whole school will have a non-uniform day where we ask the pupils to wear an item of yellow to help raise awareness.

Donations

On the 24th October we have our annual Halloween Disco for our Primary Phase pupils. The pupils love this event and it is a real highlight for them. We are raising money to ensure that tickets are free of charge so that all pupils can attend. All pupils will receive tickets for the disco without charge.

If you would like to make a voluntary contribution to support the event then please do so on ParentPay, where you can now see this as a payment item. Thank you for your support.

Senior Leadership Team Open Door Session

We regularly hold SLT Open Door sessions. This is an opportunity for you to provide suggestions and ideas on how the school can be further improved. The next 'Open Door' session will take place on Thursday 17th October between 5pm and 7pm. [Please book an appointment by clicking here.](#) The deadline to book is Friday 11th October. Please use our normal channels of communications if you would like to discuss your child's progress or any pastoral matters.



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Communication

Please see below a reminder of our new and improved communication channels. If you have a question, please email one of the following email addresses. Email is the most efficient way of contacting us and we will reply to you within two working days.

I have a general enquiry	Email: kinghenryviii319@monmouthshireschools.wales Or: Click 'Ask a Question' on the top right of the website home page
I have a question about wellbeing	Email: Kinghenryviii319wellbeing@monmouthshireschools.wales
I have a question about teaching, the curriculum, or progress in a certain subject	Email: Kinghenryviii319curriculum@monmouthshireschools.wales

Safe and Secure

It is important that we practice both our fire and our Safe and Secure Lockdown procedures. Our approach is to balance a proper rehearsal with having the minimal impact on the running of the school as possible. These will take place at the following times.

Tuesday 8 th October	9.00am	Secondary site
Thursday 10 th October	9.30am	Primary site

Prior to this we will fully inform the pupils about what to expect. We will reassure them that there is nothing to worry about and that we are practising the procedures to keep them happy and safe.

Attendance

I am delighted to announce that attendance for the whole school has been very positive at the start of this academic year. As the nights draw in and the weather turns colder, illness becomes our number one reason for absence. We will be working with pupils on the importance of diet, sleep and hygiene to keep them well and happy as we progress into the winter months. Please ensure that your child only misses school when absolutely necessary. Thank you for your support with this.





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Pre-Loved Clothes and Uniform

Thank you for all your donations of pre-loved uniform. If you have any further items, then please do pass them to Reception on either site so we can stop them going to a landfill and instead repurpose it for those who need it. Thank you.

Thank you for your positivity and support. It is a pleasure working in this community and I am a proud Headteacher of this school.

Yours sincerely / Yn gywir,

Mr J. Watson
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