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Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the pupils to our new school at the start of term and to see their enthusiasm for learning and all the opportunities that our school offers. Reception and Year 7 pupils have settled in brilliantly. Our value of the month is ambition and I regularly see so many of our pupils demonstrating a strong desire to achieve highly, and putting high levels of effort into their learning. Well done all. Thank you also to our parents and carers for your wonderful support. Education is a partnership and working together we really can achieve our goal for all pupils to make rapid progress and achieve academic excellence, in an environment of love and care.

SIMS Parent App and ParentPay

Unfortunately, the SIMS Parent App is not working due to a technical error with the provider. Similarly, ParentPay is not working for Year 7 pupils, and families are not yet able to see what pupils are purchasing and are not able to upload payment for food purchased. This does not affect the ability for Year 7 to have lunch in school each day. ParentPay is fully operational for pupils in Year 8 and above. We are working very hard with the providers to fix these issues. Please accept my utmost apologies for the inconvenience caused.

Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 Information Evenings

We are running two online information evenings. One for Years 10 and 11 parents and carers, and one for Years 12 and 13 (Senior Phase) parents and carers. During the evenings, staff will share key information to help you support your child as they progress towards their final examinations. Information and key dates about the qualifications will also be shared.

Years 12 and 13	5.00pm – 6.00pm	Tuesday September	19 th	Click here to join
Years 10 and 11	5.30pm – 6.30pm	Thursday September	21 st	Click here to join

Year 7 – Meet the Form Tutor

We are providing Year 7 parents and carers an opportunity to meet their child's form tutor to discuss how they are settling into school. These meetings take place during the school day on Tuesday 14th November, Wednesday 15th November, and Thursday 16th November. We will write to you nearer the time with appointment details.

Parents' Evenings

We are holding Parents' Evenings at the following times this term. This is an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teachers. More information will be sent nearer the time.



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Year 13 Parents' Evening	Thursday 5th October	4pm – 7pm	Online
Year 8 Parents' Evening	Thursday 19th October	4pm – 7pm	Online
Primary section Parents' Evening (Reception – Year 6)	Monday 23rd October Tuesday 24th October Wednesday 25th October (Your appointment will be on one of these dates)	3.45pm – 5.30pm	Primary site
Year 12 Parents' Evening	Thursday 14th December	4pm – 7pm	Online

Awards Evening

We would like to invite all parents and carers to our Awards Evening on Thursday 12th October at 6.30pm. The guest speak is Paul Thorburn (former Welsh Rugby Union player). This evening highlights the achievements of our pupils in Years 10-13 last academic year. Each year our annual awards ceremony is an opportunity to celebrate the breadth of achievements that we have at King Henry VIII 3-19 School.

Parental Engagement Event - Reading

At King Henry VIII 3-19 School we place a huge emphasis on reading for pleasure. Research overwhelmingly shows the huge benefits both academically and socially for young people. We are interested in supporting parents and carers in helping and encouraging their child to read for pleasure both at home and in school. Therefore, we are inviting our parents and carers to an event on 3rd October in which you can find out more about our approach and how you can support your child.

We will be running two sessions – one for Reception to Year 6 parents and carers on the primary site at 3.45pm, and one for Years 7-11 parents and carers on the secondary site at 5.30pm. Both sessions will run for one hour. Please use the links below to book your place.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ACnkstxGCE> (Reception to Year 6)

<https://forms.office.com/e/59eZRNj0nj> (Year 7 to Year 11)

Home learning

We believe that the completion of home learning greatly aids pupil progress and achievement. We make every effort to ensure that home learning is accessible and that the means of completion are easy and efficient. Please see below a summary of the home learning system for Years 5-9.



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Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Table of home learning tasks (complete two tasks per week) <i>Distributed at the start of each half term.</i>	Table of home learning tasks (complete two tasks per week) <i>Distributed at the start of each half term.</i>	Table of home learning tasks (complete three tasks per week) <i>Distributed at the start of each half term.</i>	Table of home learning tasks (complete three tasks per week) <i>Distributed at the start of each half term.</i>	One consolidation task every week for each subject <i>Set by teachers in lessons</i>
Literacy task (one per week) <i>Set by class teacher</i>	Literacy task (one per week) <i>Set by class teacher</i>	Piece of English writing (one per week) <i>Set by class teacher</i>	Piece of English writing (one per week) <i>Set by class teacher</i>	Piece of English writing (one per week) <i>Set by class teacher</i>
Numeracy task (one per week) <i>Set by class teacher</i>	Numeracy task (one per week) <i>Set by class teacher</i>	Questions on Sparx Maths (once a week) <i>Online</i>	Questions on Sparx Maths (once a week) <i>Online</i>	Questions on Sparx Maths (once a week) <i>Online</i>
		Science questions on Educake (Various points in the half term – informed by class teacher) <i>Online</i>	Science questions on Educake (Various points in the half term – informed by class teacher) <i>Online</i>	Science questions on Educake (Various points in the half term – informed by class teacher) <i>Online</i>
Learn Welsh vocabulary (once a fortnight) <i>Set by class teacher</i>	Learn Welsh vocabulary (once a fortnight) <i>Set by class teacher</i>	Learn Welsh vocabulary (once a fortnight) <i>Set by class teacher</i>	Learn Welsh vocabulary (once a fortnight) <i>Set by class teacher</i>	Learn Welsh vocabulary (once a fortnight) <i>Set by class teacher</i>
Read for pleasure (We recommend 15 minutes every day)	Read for pleasure (We recommend 15 minutes every day)	Read for pleasure (We recommend 15 minutes every day)	Read for pleasure (We recommend 15 minutes every day)	Read for pleasure (We recommend 15 minutes every day)

Please find attached the table of home learning tasks for pupils in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 for this half term. Years 5 and 6 pupils are to complete two tasks per week in their home learning books. Years 7 and 8 pupils are to complete three tasks per week in their home learning books. Pupils can choose any of the tasks each week. Home learning books will be distributed on Monday 18th September.

Year 10 and Year 11 pupils are set consolidation tasks every week by their teachers to help prepare for their end of year examinations.

Clubs

Please see attached our current clubs timetable. There are a wide range of excellent opportunities for pupils to take advantage of. Pupils are welcome to turn up at the clubs they wish to attend without prior booking.



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Relationships and Behaviour Policy

Please see attached our Relationships and Behaviour Policy.

Term dates

The school is closed for half term from Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November. The school is also closed for all pupils for the staff training day on Monday 4th December. The last day of term is Friday 22nd December.

Attendance

Excellent school attendance and punctuality is vital for pupils to make excellent progress and achieve highly. Please find some further information attached.

Many thanks for your positivity and support

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Watson
Headteacher
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