

The King's CE School

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Newsletter 5 Friday 8th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We are now six weeks into the new academic year and there is already so much to celebrate with the pupils in their approach to their learning, participation in the extra curricular clubs and representing the school in the welcome return of the sporting fixtures. Please do follow us on social media if you are not already to see what's going on at the school day to day.

This week we held the first of our open events for our prospective parents. It was a fantastic evening and a brilliant opportunity for parents and year 6 pupils to experience The King's ways. Our pupils loved showing off their school—they are of course our greatest ambassadors—and were asking when they could do it again! All those who came left saying that they would be putting The King's down as their first choice of secondary school for their child. The next open event is on the morning of **Saturday 16th October**. Please do tell any neighbours, friends or members of your faith communities to come along and find out more about us.

There are two weeks left before the half term break and next week is progress week for all year groups. Pupils will be given their first half term's IAG (Information Advice and Guidance) report reviewing their approach to learning including their extended learning. During the week, pupils will take time to review what is going well and what they can do even better for the next half term. We are also holding a meet the tutor event for years 7, 8 and 9 next Thursday. This will be online and all the details are on page 3 of this week's newsletter. This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's form tutor to find out how they have settled into their learning this year.

You will know that I wrote to you at the beginning of the week updating you on the arrangements in school to try and keep everyone well. Thank you for your ongoing support and co-operation. The latest information shared by Public Health England still shows the rates in Wolverhampton are high. We are now asking all staff, pupils and visitors to wear face coverings in communal spaces around school, unless they are exempt. I will also take this opportunity to send out another reminder about how important the lateral flow testing is on Sundays and Wednesdays in keeping our school community safe and well.

Yours sincerely

Miss Langley

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Congratulations to our Year Stars of the Week

Year 7	Pretham
Year 8	Emma
Year 9	Liam
Year 10	Harrison
Year 11	Ronahi
Year 12	Samuel
Year 13	Solin

Lateral Flow Testing.....

If your child has given consent to take part in our Lateral Flow test programme they are required to complete their test on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. The results must then be uploaded to our school MS form using the link emailed to all pupils.



Masks

We have received an update from local public health this week, who are recommending staff, students and visitors to school wear masks in communal areas, corridors, and meeting rooms.



We also advise that if your child is sent home poorly from school that a PCR test is taken, and the result reported to school before returning.

Thank you for your support.

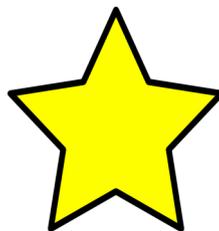
Congratulations to our House Stars of the Week

York	Jack
Lichfield	Pretham
Canterbury	Danya



Congratulations to our Tutor Groups of the Week

7	CMIL
8	LVAN
9	YMCC
10	YDEA
11	LEAS
6	LTAT



October Half-Term Food Parcel Support (25th –31st October)

We are pleased to announce that City of Wolverhampton Council is providing food parcels to help pupils who currently receive free school meals (FSM) and their families during the October half-term holiday (25th-31st October).

To access this support, **you must apply by Friday 8th October** at the latest by registering your interest at: <https://wolverhampton.gov.uk/October>

If you don't have access to the internet, you can apply by phone 01902 290421 between Monday 4th October and Friday 8th October.

If your child is not currently receiving free school meals but you would like to receive additional support please contact: freeschoolmeals@kingswolverhampton.co.uk to discuss your circumstances in confidence. Alongside the provision of this support, there will be a range of activities taking place during the half-term holiday week – visit www.yowolves.co.uk for more information and contact details for providers.

Mr Barradas-Lingard

Assistant Principal-Learning Climate



HOUSE TOTALS THIS WEEK



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Dear Parents of Pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9.

KS3 Meet the Tutor Evening - Online Appointment Booking – Thursday 14th October 2021

We would like to invite you to attend our KS3 Meet the Tutor Evening on Thursday 14th October from **6pm – 8pm**. This is a very important date in the school calendar, as it is an opportunity to meet with your child's form tutor. This will provide an opportunity to discuss with your child's form tutor how well they are settling in this year, and for you to share with us any highlights or concerns. This will not be a formal meeting where each subject is discussed as this will follow later in the year.

As we are currently unable to meet face-to-face in school, we are using our **online appointment booking system** called School Cloud. This allows you to choose your own 5 minute appointment times with your child's tutor and you will receive an email confirming your appointment. Please be aware that we have to limit the number of appointments each tutor can make within the two hour time slot, so please book as soon as possible. Appointments can be made from **9am on Wednesday 6th October and will close at 3.30pm on Thursday 14th October**.

Please visit the 'Parent' section of our school website and click on School Cloud in the menu <https://www.kingswolverhampton.co.uk/schoolcloud> to book your appointments. A short guide on how to add appointments is included.

Login with the following information when you access the webpage: Your details (email required) and student details.

If we do not have your parent email on file you will not be able to access the booking system, so please contact the school office as soon as possible and provide it so we can update our records. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact your child's Head of Year and they will be happy to add appointments on your behalf.

As we are holding online appointments, lasting exactly 5 minutes (there will be a countdown so you are aware when the meeting will automatically close), we would kindly ask that you:

- Consider your background when selecting where to access the online meeting
- Ensure everyone in the meeting is dressed in daytime clothing .

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss further.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Douglas

Head of Year 7 & 8

Mr Dyke

Head of Year 9

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COATS FOR KIDS

Does your Child need a Coat for the Winter Season, or do you know a family in need of coats?

We are urgently seeking families with children or services working with families whom may benefit from our project.

Whether a family have fell on hard times, maybe a parent has been furloughed due to Covid or a family that may be struggling, or escaping domestic violence.

Whatever the need, all are welcome to receive a free donated kid's coat/s.

No referral or voucher needed. Just get in touch with your details. Anyone can email:

coatsforkidswolves@outlook.com or direct message us on our Facebook group Coats for Kids Wolves.

We work to Covid regulations as suggested by Public Health, all coats received are quarantined for at least 72 hours before we can handle them, or give them out.

All volunteers wear full PPE when collecting and donating coats.

There is no reason a child should ever be cold.

Email Lizzie or Gillian in Wolverhampton

coatsforkidswolves@outlook.com

Facebook Group-Coats for Kids Wolves



World Mental Health Day

It is World Mental Health Day this Sunday 10th October 2021.

Here at the King's we will be recognising this day in school on Monday 11th October 2021.

We will be showing young people that they are not alone with their mental health and will be raising funds for Young Minds.

During form time on Monday and throughout the day we will have some activities to reflect on young people's mental health and others too.

On Monday students will be able to accessorize their uniform with some yellow. This could be to wear some yellow socks, wear a yellow hairband, or donate 50p and wear a yellow ribbon, which will be available from the foyer.



There are lots of places to get advice about emotional wellbeing, social media or to discuss feelings:

NSPCC:
www.NSPCC.org.uk Phone: 0800 1111

ChildLine:
www.childline.org.uk Phone: 0800 1111

Young Minds:
www.youngminds.org.uk

Samaritans:
www.samaritans.org Phone: 116 123

In a crisis, text 'Shout' to 85258

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You can email Mr Sutton
The Designated Safeguarding Lead...
p.sutton@kingswolverhampton.co.uk
And use our SHARP system too!



Kooth counsellors will be on line everyday until 10pm



Gatis Community Space are offering a homework club to students aged 11-18 with access to Chromebooks, wif-fi, printing and resources. If you have any questions please contact: gatiscommunityspace@gmail.com



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From the Chaplain....

I wonder what words you would choose to describe God? When I asked pupils this week, their top words were 'almighty' and 'all-loving'. Another pupil said just, 'all'.

'O Lord, our Lord, your greatness is seen in all the world!' says the psalmist in Psalm 8, our reading for the week. 'When I look at the sky, which you have made, at the moon and stars, which you have set in their places – what are human beings, that you think of them?'

If you have ever looked up at the stars at night, especially on a cloudless night somewhere far from the city and its light pollution, you may have experienced a similar feeling of awe at the vastness of the universe and our own insignificance in contrast. Or perhaps something else has stopped you in your tracks and caused you to say 'wow!' Have you marvelled at a new born baby, its tiny fingers and toes and the potential of the life he or she will lead? Have you gazed at a beautiful sunset or wondered at the delicate intricacy of a butterfly's wing? When we pause and pay attention, life is full of amazement.

The psalmist continues: *'Yet you have crowned them (human beings) with glory and honour. You appointed them rulers over everything you made...'* There is comfort in these words, but also a challenge. Firstly, God cares: we, and every other human being, are important to him and that means that he cares how we treat each other. Secondly, he has given us a responsibility. He has appointed us as his care-takers for creation. The world that he fashioned out of love and breathed his life into, he has placed into our care.

With the increase in fuel prices and the end to both furlough and the Universal Credit lift, the challenges to balance household budgets and to keep children warm and well-fed will be particularly difficult for many over the coming months. Small as they are, our harvest gifts to local foodbanks may make a real difference to a family facing tough decisions and hunger. Likewise as we approach the COP26 climate change talks taking place in Glasgow at the end of the month, and as we petition our leaders to make bold decisions for the future of our planet and of our children: what changes are we personally prepared to make in order to take seriously the responsibilities we have for God's creation and for one another?

By creating us in his image, in the image of our Creator, God made us co-creators with him. We have choices to make in this moment which have the power to transform the lives of others and God awaits our decisions.

This week we ask ourselves who God is to us and what fills us with a sense of awe and of being in his presence.



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Next Week's Theme for Worship

Praying that God's work will be done.

Romans 8:26-27

(The prayer of examen)



At The King's CE School we believe that everyone is unique and created in God's image. We enable all to achieve their God-given potential; to grow, learn and aspire; to transform their lives and the lives of others and to journey in faith without limits within a unified, respectful and harmonious community.