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Dear Parents & Carers,

As Principal of The King's Church of England School, I am immensely proud of what we offer to our students and their families. We are a school with a strong vision, clear values, and a deeply embedded church school ethos. We want all of our students and staff to **aspire** to be the best that they can be, to **believe** that anything is possible and to **achieve** beyond what they ever imagined! This is why our mission statement is 'Aspire, Believe and Achieve Together!'

We have an excellent team of highly-qualified staff, some of the most amazing facilities to promote learning, including a school farm and swimming pool; and a genuine focus on positive relationships firmly rooted in the gospel and built upon empathy, respect, responsibility and forgiveness.

The highest standards are set for everyone within our community and support is provided in order to meet these expectations. We are delighted that our examination results for 2017 at both GCSE and A Level are the best our students have achieved for many years and that we are one of the most improved schools in the city. We are also delighted that our recent Church School inspection found us to be "Outstanding" in every respect.

Here at The King's we seek out opportunities to celebrate success, not just academic but also other areas of life including sports, arts, drama and music. Many of our students have reached the highest levels in their chosen field with students successfully completing degrees at top universities including Oxford, Cambridge and other 'Russell Group' universities; others gaining places on prestigious apprenticeship training programmes, many students achieving top grades for musical accomplishment and some students representing their country across a range of different sports.

We pride ourselves on the care we offer and on our student-centred approach. We are a small, caring and extremely welcoming school – this personal approach enables us to very quickly get to know all of our students so that they feel supported and gain the confidence to flourish and achieve highly. Our recognition of the community's diverse faiths and culture is a real strength and is celebrated at every level, this was recognised by Ofsted in March 2017 when they wrote:

- ***'The school has a well-appointed and well-used multi faith centre - pupils speak highly of this facility, and they value tolerance and difference.'***
- ***'Pupils feel safe and speak highly of the assemblies and tutor time that teach them how to keep safe in school and in the wider community. Pupils say that they know whom they should talk to when they feel concerned'***
- ***'Pupils understand how to keep themselves safe. Safety is taught across the curriculum. For example, the assembly and form-time programme teaches pupils how to use electronic communications safely'***

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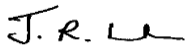
At The King's we are committed to safeguarding so that every child can enjoy life and thrive. We were pleased that Ofsted recognised this in their recent inspection report where they wrote:

- ***'leaders are committed to their mission statement that seeks to help pupils 'embrace life-enriching experiences and make well-informed lifestyle choices that promote health and well-being'***

These are definitely exciting times for us as we look to the future and support our students so that they can realise their dreams and ambitions. Our huge improvements over the past couple of years are only the start...the best is yet to come and we hope that your child will be part of our continuing success story. Our standards are high, our facilities are outstanding and beautiful and our students are our greatest asset!

Moving to secondary school can be a daunting time for both students and parents. We want to put you at ease. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with our admissions team who can be contacted on 01902 550439 or by email at [p.sutton@kingswolverhampton.co.uk](mailto:p.sutton@kingswolverhampton.co.uk). We will be delighted to hear from you.

Yours sincerely



James Ludlow  
Principal

Below is a range of additional quotes from our most recent Ofsted report (March 2017):

Whole School:

- ***Evidence from speaking to members of the school community and that submitted via staff and pupil inspection questionnaires support the view that the leadership of the principal is highly valued by all***
- ***The new principal has brought ambition and drive to the school***
- ***The school offers a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities around such diverse activities as circus skills, creative writing and Dhol club***

6<sup>th</sup> Form:

- ***Students are well motivated, and the school's assessment policy is used effectively.***
- ***Students speak highly of their lessons and of extra-curricular opportunities. They enjoy their studies.***
- ***Students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is a strength of the sixth form. Students speak positively of the way the school teaches them about different faiths, values and the celebration of difference.***
- ***Careers education is effective. Most students go on to higher education or training.***
- ***Safeguarding is effective. Students know how to keep themselves safe and say they value their learning about radicalisation and extremism.***